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for promotion and relegation

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Ahead lies what can be the most crucial period for those clubs involved in chasing trophies, promotion or trying to dodge the drop . . .

EASTER=THE

EASTER is a "funny" time. Odd things, and big contrasts, can happen — and often do.

Remember three years ago? At Christmas, Derby were in a modest tenth position in the First Division table; by Easter, they were battling it out for the title — which, of course, they eventually won — in the most hectic holiday-period of recent times.

True, it was something of a crazy First Division season all round — with Carlisle, one of the seven clubs to lead the table, eventually being relegated.

And, in the eleven days from Easter Saturday, the lead changed hands six times before Derby — who were still as low as seventh place when Easter week started — finally made sure of things.

Which was a very sharp contrast from the previous Easter in which, although their one-time nine-point lead had been somewhat whittled down, Leeds had the title nicely sewn-up.

And there was quite a "rum do" on Easter Monday, 1976, with — due to different kick-off times — three sides temporarily leading the race for the League Championship.

Q.P.R., with a morning game, first topped the table by beating Arsenal — only to be overtaken later in the day by first Manchester United, and then ultimate Champs Liverpool.

Certainties

The drama last Easter, in contrast, centred more round the wrong-end of the table, with Sunderland — who'd looked relegation certainties as early as Christmas — in the closing stages of a remarkable, gallant rescue-bid which saw them beaten only three times in their last 17 games.

But, alas for Sunderland, a fighting Easter draw at Leeds, and a good home win over Manchester United, still wasn't quite enough in the long run.

Ironically, it was on the previous Easter Monday that a win over Bolton had ensured Sunderland regaining — if only for twelve months — the First Division status they've held most of their existence.

But last season, even though Easter was three weeks later than this year, Liverpool still hadn't wrapped-up their second successive League title — as good holiday periods by six-point Ipswich (who'd led the table on the Saturday) and Manchester City kept in close contention.

But Easter has always been the big testing-time of any season — with, for most clubs, three games in four or five days.

That would be difficult enough at any period, with no time to "repair" even minor injuries to key players, but even more so at Easter — coming, as it does, towards the very end of the season.

True, by then, for a lot of clubs League matches are no more than a boring formality which have to

be fulfilled. And the only real interest for all but the most fanatical of their fans is the hope of seeing a spot of "new blood" tried out with the following season in mind.

But it's tough at the top — and rough at the bottom — and, for those clubs fighting it out around the business-ends of the League tables, the make-or-break Easter

"holiday" can mean all the difference between triumph and disaster.

Even though most clubs nowadays spread the load a bit by extending their actual holiday playing-period, at the end of those games they — or their closest rivals — can be a commanding six points better off. With, then, the

Derby's Steve Powell (white shirt) beat Luton's Peter Anderson. Thanks to a good Easter, Derby stormed through and won the 1974-75 League title.



MAKE-OR-BREAK TIME

hopes and fears of all season settled beyond recall.

Yet oddly enough, despite the fact many wary clubs then are dedicated to ultra-careful defence, some hefty scoring feats do have a habit of popping-up over Easter.

It was on Easter Monday, 1936, that a young man named Joe Payne, who hadn't met with much success for Luton at wing-half that season, was given a "last-chance" to make good in a new position.

And in this, his very first game at centre-forward, he set up a new Football League record — which, with super-tight modern rear-guards, will probably never be beaten — by hammering home ten goals in Luton's 12-0 rout of Bristol Rovers.

Free transfer

"Ten-Goal Payne", as he inevitably became known, went on to play for England the following season — instead of sadly drifting off from Luton on the free transfer his club had almost decided on!

Exactly ten years earlier, in a vital Easter game, Burnley's English international left-winger Louis Page — also experimented with for the first time at centre-forward — scored a double-hat-trick in the 7-1 away defeat of Birmingham.

It proved a vital spark to ignite Burnley's fading fortunes that season and, in the end, they just saved themselves from relegation to the Second Division by a single point.

Earlier still, on Good Friday, 1903, Small Heath Alliance (who changed their name to Birmingham two years later) beat Doncaster 12-0 in a Second Division game.

And, in more recent times, it was on Good Friday, 1965, that a young West Ham reserve named Brian Dear was given — and took — his big chance.

He equalled a League quick-scoring record by notching five goals in 20 minutes during Ham-

mers' 6-1 rout of West Bromwich.

Unfortunately, Dear never really managed to live up to those headlines he received, and moved around several other clubs without ever recapturing that goal-grabbing early promise.

Punch-ups, as well as goals, also used to abound over the holiday — though happily they're much rarer now than in former days when the same two clubs met twice — with all too often a "He did me on Friday; so I'll do him on Monday" grudge hangover really putting the boot into the second game.

But whether there'll be that many goals around either this year remains to be seen — for, at least on paper, there seem to be several games in which just one could make, or mar, a whole season.

Take Newcastle, struggling for so long to stay in the First Division. Within the space of just four days they have to meet three League title challengers — Everton at

home on Good Friday, Forest away on Easter Saturday; and then Manchester City at home on Easter Monday.

For quite different reasons, no one playing in those three games will relish giving a silly goal away.

It's intriguing fixtures like these — and others — which make Easter one of the most fascinating, rewarding, or sheer heartbreaking times of the season.



Following their 1-0 win v. Arsenal Q.P.R. (above hoops) headed the First Division table at Easter, 1976. On Good Friday, 1965 Brian Dear (left, stooping) scored five goals for West Ham in 20 minutes against West Brom.

THE Republic of Ireland play Turkey in Dublin on Wednesday, April 5th, as a build-up to the European Championship. They have already arranged a fixture with Poland on April 12th and a further home game against World Champions West Germany is being discussed.

The F.A. of Ireland have also announced all their home games in the European Championship against England, Northern Ireland, Denmark and Bulgaria will be played at Rugby Union headquarters, Lansdowne Road.

WHEN striker Turlough O'Connor knocked in four goals in Bohemians' rampant 8-0 defeat of Home Farm recently, he became the first player in the League of Ireland club's history to score over 100 goals for the club.

This was Boh's second big home win in a row. Two weeks previously they hammered Waterford 7-3 to go to the top of the table. In between, however, they lost 1-0 away to bottom club Thurles Town. This was the Tipperary team's first win since joining the League last September.

FOREST CHAMPIONS

NOTTINGHAM Forest will win the League Championship with 57 points, a computer has predicted.

According to a forecast made by the Dataskil Football Forecasting Programme, the brainchild of Dr Brian Cooper, Forest will win the title from Everton.

"The system gives equal weighting to all previous matches, taking into account the home and away performances of each team and assessing the likely results of matches yet to be played," said Dr Cooper.

SHOOT are always pleased to report the humane side of the big clubs. So a big hand to Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Seven-year-old Robin Taylor travelled up from Bournemouth to Molineux to see the Wolves v West Bromwich match on February 1st.

When the match was called off, Wolves officials heard of Robin's long trip and took him on a tour of the club. He also had his photograph taken in front of the Wolves trophy cabinet.

A nice gesture, Wolves!

'Young' Pleat

LUTON'S new manager, David Pleat, is only 33. But the Nottingham-born Pleat has often achieved things at a tender age.

He actually appeared for Forest in the Football Combination when he was only 15. And he was the youngest ever to play in the first team — 17 years and 33 days.

His excitement by being asked to take over as Luton boss was only matched by that which he felt when Luton tried to sign him as a player from Nottingham Forest in August, 1964.

Pleat, then 19, was keen to join Luton, but wanted to get his parents' approval before signing. They were on holiday at the time, but everything went as planned and David signed.

This season must be a bit special for the former England schoolboy and Youth player.

Getting the Luton job was a great thrill for him. And Nottingham Forest's leadership of the First Division was another.

He used to be a red-hot Forest supporter in his watching days.

WEST BROM'S Tony Brown scored his 200th League goal in their 2-1 win against Birmingham at St Andrews recently.

NO SURRENDER



THAT'S the defiant message West Ham skipper Billy Bonds (left) sends to the rest of the First Division as the Londoners fight for survival.

Bonds dismisses thoughts that West Ham's long term future could benefit from a season of re-organisation and confidence building in the Second Division. The success this season of Tottenham and the immediate return — as seems likely — of the North London club, has increased talk the Hammers might benefit, too.

But Billy insists Hammers' future must be in the First Division. He says: "I accept that for Manchester United and Tottenham relegation probably worked. They re-organised, built up confidence and probably returned better sides. But I don't think it would necessarily work in our case."

"There is no guarantee we would get straight back if we did go down. And, personally, I'd much prefer to remain a First Division player. I think it could be very hard to get out of the Second and West Ham's future must lie in the First."

"I can't deny it's been desperately depressing being down in trouble year after year. But we are the ones who have got ourselves into it so we've got to get out of it."

"It will be a real dogfight now until the last match of the season. But I fervently hope we will escape."

VITAL TIME FOR JIM



JIM BLYTH (left), who played for Scotland in the friendly game against Bulgaria at Hampden Park, reckons he has another three games to prove himself number one for the World Cup.

He said: "The three British Championship matches are going to be vital to several players seeking a place in the World Cup."

The 23-year-old 'keeper added: "I was not very happy with my early season form but I reckon I am playing as well now as at any time since I joined Coventry."

"These are exciting times for all Scots and I could not have picked a better time to get into the international squad. I only hope I go to the World Cup Finals."

ALLY LENT A HAND

FORMER Blackburn Rovers defender Dave Whelan is a very successful businessman in Lancashire these days. In fact he recently became a millionaire by selling his chain of shops. But he will never forget how Ally MacLeod, the Scotland manager who was his team-mate at Ewood, helped him get started.

"I had just bought my first wee shop in the back streets of Blackburn," said Dave. "We were moving into the flat above and Ally offered to lend a hand. He also said he would take care of the removal arrangements."

"You can imagine my surprise when the local coalman turned up at my house with his lorry to do the removal for nothing."

"That man Ally could talk anyone into doing anything."

Perhaps even to Scotland winning the World Cup? Well, you never know.

FREE SIGNING

MANCHESTER UNITED have signed the best centre-half in Ireland — and he didn't cost them a penny!

New signing Kevin Moran, however, was the best centre-half in Ireland — at Gaelic football.

The 22-year-old sbx-footer was a member of the successful Dublin team for the past two seasons but, prior to that, he had played with League of Ireland club Bohemians and had a trial with Derby County.

With Bohs, Moran played at full-back and he is expected to return to that role with United, for whom he has signed a two-year contract.

Incidentally, big crowds will hold no fears for Moran should he win a place in United's first team, for Dublin's Gaelic football side have regularly attracted crowds of over 50,000.

Moran, like United winger Steve Coppell, is a University graduate. He has a B.Comm.

GLENS' CHAPLAIN

● Glentoran recently appointed the Rev. David Armstrong, an East Belfast man and staunch Glens' supporter, as the club's Chaplain.

Oval players, officials and fans are hoping their new spiritual leader will guide them to glory!

● "The best centre-half in the Third Division," is how one First Division manager described Colchester United's 19-year-old stopper Steve Dowman. So, don't be too surprised if this talented youngster is on the move to a higher grade of soccer soon.



YOUNG Chelsea star Garry Stanley wasn't short of company while he was in the Charing Cross Hospital, London, recently recovering from a groin strain and small hernia.

Team-mate Ian Britton and nurse Clare Foucher brightened up Garry's day.

He's out of hospital now, working hard for the day when he returns to first team action.



NEWS DESK

COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

ELEVEN of London's best-known soccer stars were honoured by the National Sporting Club at the Cafe Royal recently. The team was selected by London Evening News readers as 'The London Soccer Team of the Decade.'

Three of the team were unable to attend owing to playing commitments. Absent were David O'Leary and Pat Jennings who were preparing for Arsenal's game with Norwich, and Jimmy Greaves who was playing for Barnet.

From left to right in the photograph are: Trevor Brooking, Eddie McCreadie, Cliff Jones, Bobby Moore, Alan Mullery, George Cohen, Geoff Hurst and Alan Ball.

CELTIC'S Bobby Lennox will play for North American club Houston Hurricane this summer.

WELSH team-manager Mike Smith wouldn't swop his job with anybody, but there is one player he would like from another country... and if he could have his pick of the world he would plump for Scotland's Kenny Dalglish.

Says the London-born Welsh team boss, who has done such a superb job in making his team feared in any class in the world: "At times we feel we've deserved a little more than we've got. If we had Dalglish we'd be able to ride our bad times easier."

"There is no easy game at international level, but you just have got to put the ball in the back of the net, and currently I wouldn't think anywhere in the world there is anybody better at this than Dalglish."

THE four top teams from the Bass League of Ireland (Eire) and the Flat Irish League (Northern Ireland) will compete in a new cross-border competition at the end of the season.

The Tylers All-Ireland Cup replaces the Blaxnit Trophy and it is hoped it will be a step towards Irish Unity.

FEBRUARY MOVES

Brendan Batson (Cambridge U. to West Brom)
Les Briley (Hereford to Wimbledon)
Micky Cave (Bournemouth to Seattle)
Alan Cork (Derby to Wimbledon)
Francis Cowley (Derby to Wimbledon)
Bob Curtis (Charlton to Mansfield)
Steve Earle (Leicester to Detroit Express)
Keith Fear (Bristol C. to Plymouth)
Tony Gaidmintis (Watford to Northampton)
Terry Gennoe (Halifax to Southampton)
Martin Hicks (Charlton to Reading)
Mick Kearney (Chester to Reading)
John Kosmina (Polonia (Australia) to Arsenal)
Gordon McQueen (Leeds to Man. Utd.)
Jim McCaffrey (Huddersfield to Portsmouth)
Ian Mellor (Brighton to Chester)
Steve Piper (Brighton to Portsmouth)
Malcolm Poskett (Hartlepool to Brighton)
John Radford (West Ham to Blackburn)
Martin Robinson (Spurs to Charlton)
Keith Robson (Cardiff to Norwich)
Peter Sayer (Cardiff to Brighton)
Steve Seargeant (Everton to Detroit Express)
Dave Shipperley (Gillingham to Charlton)
Tony Taylor (Bristol R. to Portsmouth)
Max Thompson (Liverpool to Blackpool)
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Impressions from four players



'OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE'

Tommy Craig
(Aston Villa)

I'VE HAD no trouble at all settling in here, and it has been made easier for me because I stepped straight into a winning side. Villa had 1-0 wins over Bristol City away and Arsenal at home, and I've adjusted quickly to the style of my new team, especially as I found in the first two games I was expected to operate in the same way as I had at Newcastle.

This means I am playing as a left-sided midfielder and that suits me fine. Aston Villa are a side which are geared to attack, and I know there is great potential here. Basically, it's a young team, and some people have been kind enough to say my experience could prove useful.

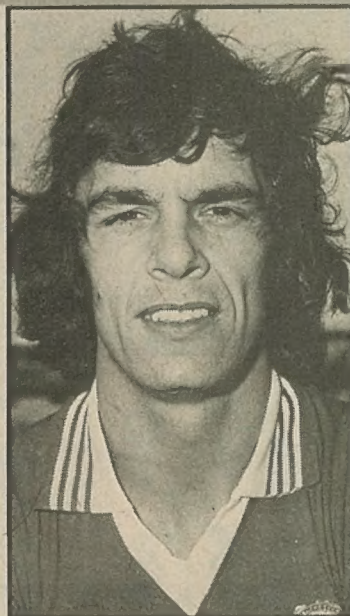
I hope this will be the case, and meanwhile, the rest of the team have been tremendously helpful to me. And I feel very optimistic about the future, taking into account the fact Villa finished fourth top in the League last season and were also winners of the League Cup.

Leaving Newcastle was a wrench in many ways, but it was a move I felt I had to make. And it was at Newcastle, incidentally, in a game against Aston Villa, that Brian Little impressed me with a well-taken goal that he scored for Villa early in the match.

I certainly didn't think at that time I would become an Aston Villa player a few months later, and I shall feel even more at home when my family and I move into a house in the area which I've recently selected. Aston Villa are a club with great traditions, and I'm sure, with more honours to follow.



Craig the Villan.



'NO REGRETS AT LEAVING LEEDS'

Joe Jordan
(Manchester Utd.)

I'M HAPPY to be with Manchester United, and have no regrets at leaving Leeds. I always believe in having something to aim at, and this season I'm hoping United can get into the top six, which would take us into Europe.

To finish among the leaders, we'll have to be consistent between now and the end of April, but I think there is enough talent in our side to do this. Although it's hard to imagine anybody knocking Nottingham Forest off their perch at the top of the table. Forest have had a fabulous season, and at this stage their lead over the others convinces me that they can't be overhauled.

My old club, Leeds, are up among the challengers and are a good side, and with United I'm playing the same role as I did at

Elland Road — as one of two strikers. I'm enjoying it, and of course using the wings as we do is a great help to me in the middle.

During my career, I've had a few disappointments, the biggest one being when Leeds were beaten 2-0 by Munich of West Germany in the 1974-75 European Cup final. But I can offset this if I realise two ambitions I have, which are to win a League Championship medal and an F.A. Cup Final medal with Manchester United.

In the World Cup in Argentina this year, there will be plenty of speculation about Scotland's chances — and for myself, I want them to do as well as possible. Success at Old Trafford and good form by Scotland are two things I'll look forward to in the next few months.



Jordan in action against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

OF CLUB...

transferred this season



**'ENCOURAGED
TO PLAY
FOOTBALL'**

**Graeme Souness
(Liverpool)**

I'M ENJOYING my football with Liverpool, and this is important to me. We didn't play a lot of football at Middlesbrough, but here you are encouraged to play it. And players such as Kenny Dalglish, Steve Heighway and the rest of the lads make it easy for you.

After my first match against West Bromwich I felt I had joined the best club in Europe, perhaps the world. And they can remain the best — because everyone in the Liverpool team takes a pride in his game. I wanted to leave Middlesbrough because I thought they could never become a Liverpool.

Then when I got my first goal for Liverpool against Manchester United at Anfield. I told myself I still had a bit to do. But I think I've settled in the side.

About Scotland, I was delighted to play in the international against Bulgaria, and be included in the World Cup squad of 40, but that's secondary at the moment. To turn out for my country is a great honour, one which I appreciate, but when I am asked how I feel about the World Cup and Argentina my answer is I regard it just as a bonus.

To get back to Liverpool's game with Manchester United — it must be difficult to top anything like that. To help win an honour is something I've wanted to accomplish for a long time, and with Boro the hope seemed to be running out I would ever do it. Now I might gain a trophy during my career.

Souness scores a wonderful volleyed goal v. Man. Utd. at Anfield.



**'TACKLING
HAS BEEN
GETTING
HARDER'**

**Mark McGhee
(Newcastle Utd.)**



I LEFT Morton for Newcastle United because I felt there was a good future for me on Tyneside — and in spite of our relegation worries I haven't changed my mind. I wouldn't have come in the first place if I'd had any doubts.

In my opening games I was pleasantly surprised by the extra room given to me by defenders down here. I was able to turn and run with the ball, whereas in Scotland you can get whacked from behind as soon as you receive the ball. But since then, as we've been fighting for points, I've found the tackling has been getting harder.

I thought I did all right on my debut against Leeds away, although there have been disappointments since, especially our F.A. Cup defeat at Wrexham. But we do have a chance to stay in the

First Division, even if we face a real struggle.

Newcastle have been very unlucky with injuries this season, and our defence has suffered through Geoff Nulty and Alan Kennedy being out for long spells, though Alan has made a recent return. And John Blackley, who has proved such a good buy, has missed a lot of games so far.

Mike Larnach, who was signed from Clydebank at about the same time I joined Newcastle, wants to play his part as I do in helping United to avoid the drop. I'm not saying we'll make the difference between relegation and staying up, but I haven't altered the opinion of Newcastle I had after the Leeds match — which is that United will put up a fight to stay in the First Division.

McGhee evades a tackle from Billy Bonds of West Ham.



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WHICH SHIRTS?

I AM writing in connection with a letter published in your "Ask the Expert" section (11th March issue) from Alan Pink enquiring about Blackburn Rovers playing in quartered shirts.

I have, for some time, been making a study of the old colours of League clubs and the following information may be of interest to your correspondent.

From 1895 to 1957 Blackburn Rovers registered their colours with the Football League as blue and white quarters. I have examined a number of photographs covering this period and all of them, without exception, show Rovers wearing halved shirts.

In fact, I have yet to come across

a photograph showing Blackburn in quarters. My own conclusion is despite what Blackburn Rovers' official records with the Football League say, they have never worn quartered shirts - unless someone can produce a photograph to show the contrary.

Incidentally I would very much appreciate any old photographs which you or your readers may like to lend me. I would of course pay for postage and return. If any of your readers can lend me any photographs I will send them, in return, a full-colour record of the past colours of the club they support.

I hope the information about Blackburn Rovers will be of interest and you may be able to help me in return in my research.

DAVE MOOR,
16 HARLAND COTTAGES,
SCOTSTOWN,
GLASGOW G14 0AS.

● Very interesting. I'm sure all SHOOT readers who like to keep records of clubs will be keen to

help Dave. I'm also sure Blackburn, themselves, will be fascinated by the information supplied.

Tongue-Twister

HOW'S this for a tongue-twister: "Scotland's second shot showed the Scots' skill in shooting."

MARK WELLS,
GOUROCK.

● To be said ten times after every Scotland goal!

Pen-Friend

I'M a great admirer of English football and I'd like to have pen-friends in England in order to exchange pennants.

GARRIDO SERGE,
1 RUE DE CHAUNIGNY,
77750 ST. CYRSI HORIN,
FRANCE.

Summer Soccer

AFTER all the postponements due to bad weather, surely the time has come to introduce summer soccer?

After the success in the U.S.A. this seems to be the answer. The fans would be able to watch the game in the warm and I'm sure the standard of football would improve.

CHRISTOPHER EGLESTAFF,
ABINGDON.

● The Americans play the game during the summer so it doesn't clash with grid-iron (American

football) and, of course, in June and July they can have British players on loan. Summer soccer sounds good in theory, but in practice it would create many problems.

Thoughtless Fan

I WAS distressed to hear about a knife being thrown at Q.P.R. goalkeeper Phil Parkes. Because of one thoughtless person Phil's career could have been ended.

Don't people consider the possible dire consequences of their actions? Don't they realise they're giving their club a bad name?

A DISTRESSED LIVERPOOL FAN, KINGSWOOD.

● Obviously not. Like you, I wish villains would stay away and not hide in crowds while going about their evil work.



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Managerial INS and OUTS

SHOOT looks at the alarming turnover of soccer bosses in the Football League

EVEN in these days of demand for quick success, the acceleration rate in the turnover of managers, has been both staggering and alarming.

It must make sobering reading for any manager lucky (or should it be unlucky) enough to be in a job right now, to study the facts since the end of last season.

Behind those cold statistics lie stories of boardroom struggles, other fights for survival by managers who can be £20,000 a year men one minute, and on the dole the next.

If you tot up that little lot you'll discover nearly half the entire Football League clubs have had a change of boss inside twelve months, and indeed by the time you read this, it could be over half.

Some clubs, as you'll see, have had two changes, though as in the case of West Brom this was due to no fault of their own, but the fact Johnny Giles and Ronnie Allen moved on their own accord.

You'll also see how fleeting moments of success can be, with some of the managers listed in that catalogue having taken their teams to promotion last season.

Perhaps the most surprising statistic is there has been least change where you'd expect it most — in the Fourth Division!



Jimmy Bloomfield (above, left) moved into the hot-seat at Orient when George Petchey left (below).



Colin Murphy (left) had a hectic time at Derby before being sacked and replaced by former Manchester United boss Tommy Docherty (main picture).



FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM CITY:	OUT Willie Bell	IN Sir Alf Ramsey
	OUT Sir Alf Ramsey	IN Jim Smith
CHELSEA:	OUT Eddie McCreadie	IN Ken Shellito
DERBY COUNTY:	OUT Colin Murphy	IN Tommy Docherty
LEICESTER CITY:	OUT Jimmy Bloomfield	IN Frank McLintock
MANCHESTER UTD:	OUT Tommy Docherty	IN Dave Sexton
MIDDLESBROUGH:	OUT Jack Charlton	IN John Neal
NEWCASTLE UTD:	OUT Richard Dinnis	IN Bill McGarry
QPR:	OUT Dave Sexton	IN Frank Sibley
WEST BROM:	OUT Johnny Giles	IN Ronnie Allen
	OUT Ronnie Allen	IN Ron Atkinson

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN:	OUT Jim Smith	IN Jimmy Meadows*
BLACKPOOL:	OUT Allan Brown	IN Bobby Campbell
BRISTOL ROVERS:	OUT Don Megson	IN Bobby Collins
HULL CITY:	OUT John Kaye	IN Ken Houghton*
	OUT Bobby Collins	IN David Pleat
LUTON TOWN—	OUT Harry Haslam	IN Billy Bingham
MANCHESTER TOWN:	OUT Peter Morris	IN George Petchey
MILLWALL:	OUT Gordon Jago	IN Jimmy Sirrel
NOTTS COUNTY:	OUT Ronnie Fenton	IN Jimmy Bloomfield
ORIENT:	OUT George Petchey	IN Harry Haslam
SHEFFIELD UTD:	OUT Jimmy Sirrel	IN Alan Durban
STOKE CITY:	OUT George Eastham	

THIRD DIVISION

BRADFORD CITY:	OUT Bobby Kennedy	IN John Napier
BURY:	OUT Bobby Smith	IN Bob Stokoe
CAMBRIDGE UTD:	OUT Ron Atkinson	IN John Docherty
HEREFORD UTD:	OUT John Sillett	IN Tony Ford*
LINCOLN CITY:	OUT Graham Taylor	IN George Kerr
	OUT George Kerr	IN Willie Bell
PETERBOROUGH	OUT Noel Cantwell	IN John Barnwell
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE	OUT Mike Kelly	IN Lennie Lawrence*
PORT VALE	OUT Roy Sproson	IN Bobby Smith
PRESTON	OUT Harry Catterick	IN Nobby Stiles
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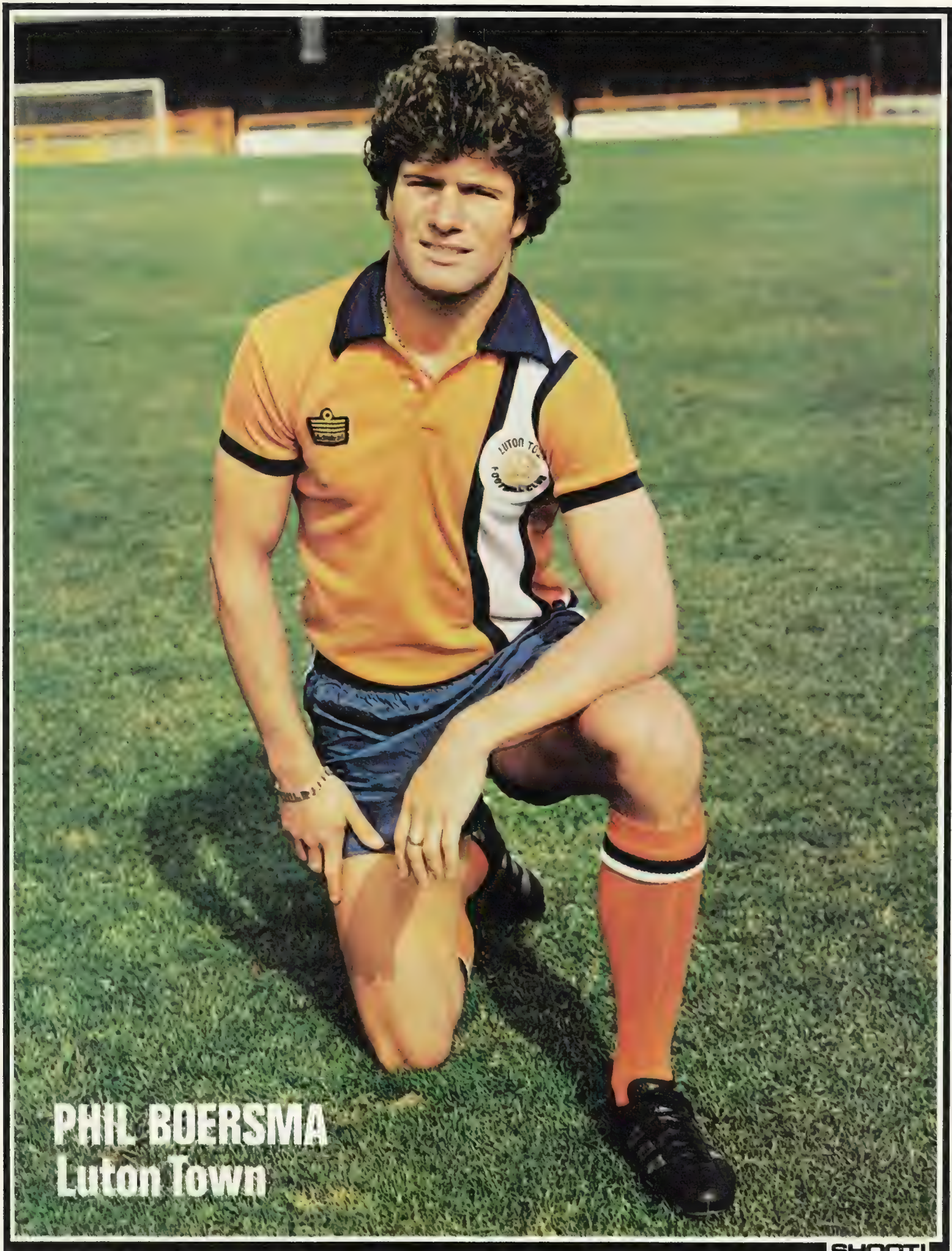
FOURTH DIVISION

HALIFAX TOWN:	OUT Alan Ball	IN Jimmy Lawson
NORTHAMPTON TOWN:	OUT John Petts	IN Mike Keen
ROCHDALE:	OUT Brian Green	IN Mike Ferguson
STOCKPORT COUNTY	OUT Eddie Quigley	IN Alan Thompson
SWANSEA CITY	OUT Harry Griffiths	IN John Toshack
WATFORD:	OUT Mike Keen	IN Graham Taylor
WIMBLEDON:	OUT Allen Batsford	IN Dario Gradi
YORK CITY	OUT Wilf McGuinness	IN Charlie Wright

* caretaker-manager



BARRY POWELL
Coventry City



PHIL BOERSMA
Luton Town

THE long-suffering fan always seems to have something to complain about. If his team is struggling to make an impression he suddenly starts noticing that ground conditions aren't too good. The players aren't trying hard enough. The manager knows nothing about the game.

Everyone and everything come under the hammer. Well, are the fans getting a good deal? This week SHOOT turns the spotlight on the Premier Division in Scotland. It has had many criticisms launched at it, but what about the ten teams in it. Are they adventurous enough? Are they good value for money? Are they haunted too much by the spectre of relegation?

We are going to analyse the sides and give them marks out of ten for entertainment value and star quality. You may not agree with some of our assessments, but we are certain it will make some intriguing reading...

RANGERS: The Ibrox men have responded well to last season's barren season. Manager Jock Wallace hasn't been frightened to spend money in putting some firepower and adventure into his side.

In a matter of weeks he spent £165,000 in bringing both Davie Cooper and Gordon Smith to Ibrox and they have helped make Rangers the most exciting team in Scotland this season.

There is little chance of the League title going anywhere else but Ibrox this season and Rangers have deserved their Championship. They had a bad start when they lost their opening games to Aberdeen and Hibs, but they got into their stride, introduced new players and the blend they have found is a consistent and winning one.

Entertainment Value: 9.

Star Quality: 9.

HIBS: Eddie Turnbull was a favourite for the snipers around Edinburgh not so long ago. The fans yelled for his resignation when things were going wrong. Turnbull, a tough, resolute character, kept his head, rolled with the shock waves and has emerged with a team that appears to be going in the right direction.

Turnbull was under fire when he allowed great favourite Pat Stanton to go to Celtic in exchange for young Jackie McNamara. Then, this season, the salvos opened up again when he sold international sweeper John Blackley to Newcastle, but he has replaced Blackley with McNamara and the move is now being looked upon as a masterstroke!

Entertainment Value: 7.

Star Quality: 7.

DUNDEE UNITED: A team that is difficult to assess. They appear to flatter to deceive although they have some of the best young talent in Scotland. Graeme Payne, Paul Sturrock and Davie Narey get most of the headlines, but Paul Hegarty, George Fleming, Andy Rolland and goalkeeper Hamish McAlpine also do superb jobs for the Tannadice club.

Manager Jim McLean is rated as one of the best in the game, but somehow consistency still man-

RANGERS-

Almost the perfect team

That's how we rate the probable Scottish Champions in this special report on the Premier Division clubs.



Rangers' Davie Cooper (right) beats John Brownlie of Hibs. Celtic 'keeper Peter Latchford wins an aerial battle with Motherwell's Tom O'Neil (below).



ages to escape United. The nearest they have been to winning a trophy was four years ago when they reached the Scottish Cup Final, but they flopped at Hampden when Celtic hammered them 3-0.

Entertainment Value: 7.

Star Quality: 8.

MOTHERWELL: Another up-and-down side. They can play well against the top sides, but they drop dreadful points to the lesser clubs. It's all a question of attitude and new manager Roger Hynd appears to be getting his players thinking along the correct lines.

Peter Marinello is beginning to buzz again. He seems to have got the sad memories of Arsenal behind him and he is a far more

this season.

With the threat of relegation hanging over them yet again Ayr have found it difficult to produce bright, carefree soccer. Their two wins over Celtic have been the high spots of their season, but they only got four points for those victories whereas they have dropped a lot more points to teams they should have beaten. Walker McCall, Gordon Crammond and Brian McLaughlin are three very good players, but they are unlikely to be able to save their side from slipping out of the Top Ten at the end of the season.

Entertainment Value: 5.

Star Quality: 5.

PARTICK THISTLE: The part-timers of Firhill have done a marvellous



Aberdeen's Bobby Clark fists the ball away from the head of Doug Somner of Partick Thistle.

mature player. Willie Pettigrew is getting over the injury that put him out at the start of the season. The defence takes no prisoners, though. Sometimes they appear to go about their job with too much relish. It is hoped Hynd will get them to calm down. Their disciplinary record this season has been frightening.

Entertainment Value: 7.

Star Quality: 6.

AYR UNITED: They are fighting relegation for the third successive year and they were SHOOT's tip to go down along with Clydebank at the start of the season. We see no reason to alter that opinion. Their survival acts of the past have been fascinating, but they are struggling to pull off yet another great escape

job in not only getting into the Premier, but also managing to consolidate a place among the elite. Boss Bertie Auld has sometimes been to blame for a lack of adventure about the side when they play away games, but he refutes this claim entirely.

Auld has had his verbal battles with international goalkeeper Alan Rough, but if Thistle sell their top personality he will be easily replaced by Billy Thompson, the Firhill reserve who is Scotland's Under 21 goalkeeper. Ronnie Glavin, Joe Craig, Alex Forsyth and Alan Hansen have all left Firhill in recent seasons with something like £350,000 coming in. The team, though, just keeps ticking over. They may not win the League, but they aren't going to give up a Top Ten place without a great fight.

Entertainment Value: 7.

Star Quality: 6.

ST. MIRREN: When Alex Ferguson's young furies won promotion last season a lot of critics stepped back and said: "Now they are really going to find out the harsh facts of soccer life." A lot of those people thought St. Mirren would go hurtling back into the First Division.

However, the Love Street 'upstarts' have had the last laugh. They have come up, entertained and won friends and although relegation is always a possibility, Fergie's side can be happy with their performances. He has a side packed with talent. The only position that has brought a problem is the goalkeeper's spot. St. Mirren have tried both Donald Hunter and Ally Hunter there this season, but

they haven't provided the needed consistency or authority.

Entertainment Value: 7.
Star Quality: 7.

CLYDEBANK: Last season at this stage they had Davie Cooper on their left-wing and Mike Larnach leading their attack. Now Cooper is with Rangers, Larnach is with Newcastle and Clydebank have £200,000 in the bank. However, they have found it extremely difficult to replace these players on the park.

This season has been one long struggle for Bill Munro's men. Basically, they have grown up too fast. Their ambition has backfired on them. They went from the Second Division to the Premier in succes-



Two sides who could be playing in the First Division next term are Ayr United (light strip) and Clydebank.

sive seasons and it seems they weren't quite ready for the confrontation. However, the experience will stand them in good stead for the future. We hope so anyway.

Entertainment Value: 4.
Star Quality: 5.

ABERDEEN: Billy McNeill must be applauded for bringing more consistency to the Pittodrie men who sometimes give you the impression they are fed-up with their soccer and just playing out time until the end of the term.

McNeill had bought and sold well. Arthur Graham, who cost Leeds £130,000, has proved difficult to replace, but John McMas-

ter is settling in well now. And once Gordon Strachan gets more experienced with the styles of his new team-mates he will be an even better and more profitable midfielder. No team can look forward to meeting The Dons. If McNeill can keep this present squad they could win the League next season.

Entertainment Value: 8.
Star Quality: 9.

CELTIC: The Parkhead men will probably be glad when this season comes to a close. The fans are still disgruntled that they allowed pin-up boy Kenny Dalglish to go to Liverpool at the start of the season. They are unhappy, too, Celtic haven't been very adventurous in getting rid of some of that £440,000 transfer fee on another big-name player.

"I have tried to buy players for the club," says manager Jock Stein, "but I will not be held to ransom. Some of the fees I have been quoted have been ridiculous."

The injuries to Danny McGrain and Pat Stanton have disrupted the team. They have struggled to find a settled pattern and they just cannot produce their expected brilliance on a consistent basis. We have no doubt they will come to the fore again next season. However, even with McGrain and Stanton back to full fitness, they will still need at least one new player to give them added sparkle.

Entertainment Value: 7.
Star Quality: 7.



Dundee United (above, plain shirts) have done well this term while St. Mirren (stripes) are in the relegation area.

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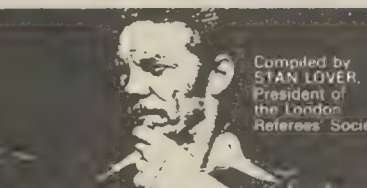
1 An attacker is lying injured, in an offside position, in the penalty-area, when a team-mate runs close to him with the ball and scores. Do you (a) award a goal, (b) a free-kick for offside or (c) drop the ball where the injured player was?



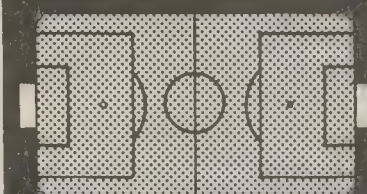
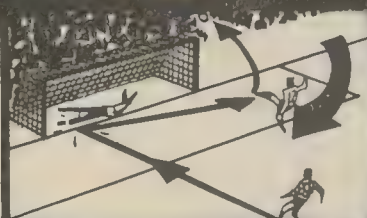
2 A: At a penalty-kick the 'keeper parries the ball. A sub. of the defending team runs on to the field and kicks it over the crossbar. Do you (a) award a corner-kick, (b) an indirect free-kick or (c) have the penalty-kick retaken?

B: If you were appointed to referee an international match and found the field of play was 120 yards long by 80 yards wide, would you (a) take no action, (b) play, but report the matter or (c) refuse to allow the match to be played?

C: You are struck by the ball and knocked unconscious. When you are able to continue, a neutral linesman says the ball went into the goal after striking you. Do you restart with (a) a drop-ball, (b) a goal or (c) a goal-kick?



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ANSWERS

1. Award a goal (a). 2A. Award an indirect free-kick for entering the field without permission (b). The sub. must also be cautioned. B. Take no action (a) because the size of 120 yards x 80 yards is the maximum allowed for an international match. C. Award a goal (b) provided the neutral linesman is satisfied the goal was properly scored.

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'Forest

THE EASTER break can bring heartbreak to teams striving for Championships, promotion, a place in Europe for next season, and to those battling against relegation. Points lost in the two games over the space of a few days are unlikely to be recouped in the few remaining games before the final whistle blows on the season.

By the same token, Easter can be a most happy time for those who do capture the vital points they need.

We at Liverpool haven't given up in the chase for the League Championship, to retain the coveted trophy at Anfield, even though Nottingham Forest look uncatchable. We blame ourselves for allowing Brian Clough's excellent team — who have done amazingly well since gaining promotion last season by finishing in third place in the Second Division — to establish such a handsome points lead over us.

Last November, we lost two games in succession, against Aston Villa at Anfield and Q.P.R. at Loftus Road.

If we had won them — and we could, and should, have done so — then Forest would have gone only three or four points clear.

Instead, we are now in the unfamiliar position of having to concentrate on not dropping points and hoping Forest "blow up", hit a patch in which they dramatically lose form and matches.

It's happened before to teams apparently running away with the League. Most recently Leeds United, who slumped several times on the run-in.

In one season in particular — 1969-70 — they looked set for a treble of F.A. Cup, Championship and European Cup — only to finish runners up in the League and F.A. Cup, and a K.O. in the European Cup Semi Finals.

At Easter, with two games so close together, there's the danger a player injured in the first will not recover in time to play in the second, which necessitates the call-up of a reserve.

Forest could be vulnerable in this respect because no club in the country has the strength in depth that Liverpool can boast.

Apart from bringing in three players in their League Cup games to replace Peter Shilton, Archie Gemmill and Dave Needham, all Cup-tied, Forest have fielded virtually the same line-up in other games, and they have taken a lot out of themselves.

They've given everything — run non-stop for every 90 minutes — and there's always the possibility the effort could prove too much and they begin to flag like over-run race-horses.

People have told me stories about Forest players being too tired to train, in order to boost my hopes of

Nottingham Forest (dark shirts, in action v. Blackpool) scraped promotion last season in third spot.

RAY CLEMENCE

talking soccer

'Three-up, three-down has been good for the game'

Any one of four clubs could fall into the dreaded third spot. Again we might have to wait until the very last game to discover which it's going to be.

Wolves, who slipped badly after Christmas, are possible candidates. They won promotion last season, and would not be the first Second Division Champions to bounce back after only one term.

A study of past promoted sides reveals that finishing in number one spot does not ensure success, or even survival, amongst the top twenty-two.

Much could be at stake for both Wolves and Liverpool on Easter Saturday, though this match will not carry the same immediate significance as the corresponding fixture at the end of 1975-76 season.

On the result depended their First Division survival, and our taking the First Division title.

What a night to remember. Their Steve Kindon, now back with Burnley, put them into the lead after a lightning run and a great shot I had no hope of stopping.

We piled on the pressure in true steamrolling Liverpool style, but the minutes clocked past without us scoring.

Then, with 15 minutes to go, our efforts were rewarded when Kevin Keegan opened our account. By the final whistle we had added two more goals, won the championship, and put the final nail in Wolves' coffin.

As I stated, the result on Saturday won't be so dramatic but could be important later.

They disappointed us on their earlier visit to Anfield, being constructive in midfield but lacking in penetration up-front.

On the following Tuesday, we were scheduled to meet our biggest rivals, Forest, at Anfield. Instead, playing in the first-leg of the European Cup Semi-Final has had to take precedence.

I suspect Forest hoped for this, and for the game to be rearranged for the end of the season. For by then they may well have already sewn-up the Championship, making the result a formality.

To be honest, I do give priority to helping Liverpool become the very first British side to remain European Champions for a second year, so if that happens I'd be only too pleased for Forest to follow us as Champions of England.

Happy Easter.

'Our win relegated Wolves — and won us the Championship'

interest is created towards the end of the season, particularly when two teams under threat play each other.

Last season, Coventry City had their second biggest home gate of the campaign when they met Bristol City in a "dodge the drop" game.

As things turned out the match ended in a draw — which saved them both — and Sunderland, who lost at Everton on the same night, slid down into the Second Division.

On balance, I think three-up, three-down has been good for the game, allowing more Second Division teams the chance of trying their luck in the First, and giving another one of the First's "also-rans" the opportunity to rebuild and reorganise.

Probably the biggest argument in its favour is the success of Forest who, as I've already pointed out, only just scraped in for this season.

Two teams firmly embedded at the bottom now are Leicester City and Newcastle United, and even if they do well over Easter, I believe nothing short of a miracle is needed for them to avoid relegation.

A spectacular over-head kick from Jimmy Case during Liverpool's 3-1 victory over Wolves in 1975-76.

them hitting a slump, but at this stage of the season the big danger is of over-training. If a player isn't fit by now to play 90 minutes, he'll never be!

Their pitch at City Ground is very heavy, and more exhausting than ours at Anfield, and this could work in our favour. Ours was sand-slitted a few years ago to improve drainage, and is now one of the finest in the Division to play on. It's hardly

cut-up at all.

The good weather, and the promise of better football on pitches free of ice and snow, should ensure the traditional big turn-outs of fans over the holidays.

Not only to watch clubs going for the Championships and promotion but also those involved in battling against relegation. Since three-up, three-down was introduced in 1974, it's been noticeable how much

HOW FOREST BLAZED

NOTTINGHAM Forest are the breath of fresh air currently sweeping through English football. Everything they touch turns to entertainment, every game they play earns page-splitting headlines.

But while everybody who is anybody knows the Liverpool story almost off by heart, few outside Robin Hood's old and famous Nottingham know more about Forest than manager Brian Clough cares to reveal.

Clough, the loved and hated character whose bluntness and passion have singed eyebrows in many of football's dark and shuffling corners, enjoys a quieter and more dignified profile these days.

Perhaps the strong likelihood Forest are in the process of wresting Liverpool's League Championship crown away from Anfield helps the dynamic Clough to suffer his self-imposed silence.

But while people continue to marvel at Forest's rise from the Second Division to the top of the First, a detailed look at their colourful history establishes Forest as one of the true founders of English football as we know it.

As is so often the case, football was not the first love of the men whose combined enthusiasm founded Forest in 1865. A group of "shinney" (an old form of hockey) players took a liking to football and played their first game, 12 months later, on the Forest Race-course Ground.

By 1874, S. W. Widdowson introduced shinguards to the game... and Forest's influence had begun.

The use of a whistle by a referee was introduced in Forest's game against Sheffield Norfolk in 1878.

In 1880 Forest shared the Trent Bridge Cricket Ground with Notts County CC and reached the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals for the second successive season.

Football was beginning to take shape and Forest were responsible

In their long history, Nottingham Forest have collected few trophies — yet have played an important part in the development of the game

for a lot of innovations. In 1884 they became the first club to adopt the 2-3-5 formation with the accent on attack.

Two years later two Forest players moved to London to form their own team — armed with a set of shirts by courtesy of Forest — and became Arsenal FC!

Three years later the rapidly developing Forest played Linfield of Northern Ireland in the F.A. Cup. So they became the first, and so far only, club to play teams from all four home countries in the competition.

A record 14-0 win away to Clapton in 1891 added to the conviction Forest were destined to win the F.A. Cup after so many seasons of coming close.

But 12 months later they won something even more important — Football League membership.

In 1898 Forest beat Derby County 3-1 in the F.A. Cup Final, played at Crystal Palace. Perhaps the fates decreed then that one day the fortunes of both clubs should be so dramatically determined by Brian Clough!

But while Derby went on to achieve a moderation of success in

the next 50 years, Forest promised much but achieved little in terms of trophies.

Relegated to the Second Division in 1906, they bounced back in one season. But they went back again in 1911 and struggled up to the beginning of the First World War. Then, in 1918, Forest were Wartime winners of the substitute Football League, pipping Everton for the title.

The Second Division Championship was won in 1922, yet still Forest could not capitalise on their tremendous and influential start to their history and went down yet

again in 1925.

The Second World War was followed by relegation to Division Three in 1949. For a while it looked as if the famous Forest were heading for obscurity.

But their character and tradition overcame a host of disappointments and they won the Second Division Championship in 1951. And in 1957 they returned to the First Division as runners-up. So began the second of Forest's memorable mini-eras.

In 1959 they beat Luton Town 2-1 at Wembley and won the F.A. Cup for the second and so far the last time. But by 1964 players such as Frank Wignall and Alan Hinton were playing for England; Forest's youth team won the international youth tournament, played in Holland.

They had already experienced their first taste of European football via the Inter-Cities Fairs Cup before going out to Valencia of Spain in 1961. People considered Forest as potentially one of the teams of the 1960's.

Fifth in the First Division in 1965, Forest celebrated their centenary and completed the building of their new main stand. Two years later they were on the brink of greatness... and just missed it.



Forest's Colin Barrett (above) beat Villa's Alex Cropley in their League Cup Fourth Round tie. Nottingham won and went on to reach their first League Cup Final. Captain Jack Burkitt (right) holds aloft the F.A. Cup after Forest beat Luton in 1959.

THE WAY...

Beaten 2-1 by Spurs in a marvellous F.A. Cup Semi-Final they also finished runners-up in the League to Champions Manchester United. So close to a "double" yet so quickly forgotten.

After another brief flirtation in the Fairs Cup, Forest's world collapsed in 1969 when their main stand burned down and bad luck and injuries dogged them consistently until relegation enveloped the City Ground once more in 1972.

Under the guidance of Clough and his able assistant, Peter Taylor, a rejuvenated Forest climbed back into the First. Finishing in that third promotion spot gave no indication that they would become the most feared, talked-about side of 1977-78.

In its existence, Forest have contributed so much to the game — crossbars replacing tapes in 1891, followed by oval-section goalposts, as well as many other oft-forgotten innovations — without achieving the glory of Liverpool, Everton, Arsenal, Spurs or the Manchester clubs City and United.

They refuse to concede their traditions or their own individual way of running things — Forest are the only club (not company) in the League with an exclusive membership of 200.

Current secretary/treasurer Ken Smales, who once took all ten

Gloucestershire wickets while playing for Notts in 1956, is well-versed in the history of his club. More so than Clough and Taylor, the men whose formula for success is working for Forest as it did in the early 1970's for Derby.

But they ask no more than to be allowed to do things their way, work with their players and remain free of all interference. History is of no interest to them. Only the present and future matter.



Brian Clough (above, far right) and his first team line-up before the start of the 1977-78 season. After just clinching promotion last term, Forest have set the First Division alight with their exciting, attacking brand of football. The City Ground club were responsible for crossbars replacing tapes (left).

FOOTBALL FUNNIES



This week JOE LAIDLAW of Doncaster Rovers selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

"Don't forget, Butch. When they ask about your gear, you've just rushed here from choir practice"

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"Half a second to go and you allowed them to bundle the ball into the net"



"Last one up's a cissy"

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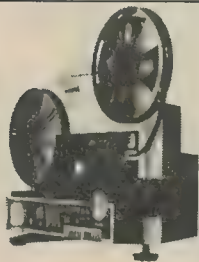
"Fantastic! Look what happens when I increase the voltage..."



"And you can take that 'end of season' relegation look off your face, dear"

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compiled by John Pyke

THERE is an air of excitement at Highbury this season. Although Championship hopes have faded, the team is still in with a chance of lifting the F.A. Cup. There's also another chance in Europe to aim for next season as The Gunners continue to ride high in the First Division.

But it is the future that is the main cause of excitement. Young players of outstanding quality in Liam Brady, Graham Rix, David Price, Frank Stapleton and David O'Leary should ensure Arsenal get right amongst the honours.

There is also the vast experience of the older players to call on. Arsenal fans are still chuckling over the signing of goalkeeper Pat Jennings from rivals Spurs. The North Bank call it "The steal of the century". If there ever was a bargain, Pat is it. Then there are Pat Rice, Sammy Nelson and Willie Young in defence and Alan Sunderland and Malcolm Macdonald in attack.

While in the wings is Alan Hudson, the great enigma of English football, on his day the finest midfielder in the country.

No wonder Arsenal supporters look forward with such confidence.

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SIZE OF PITCH:
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NICKNAME:
'Gunners'.

COLOURS:
Red shirts with white sleeves, white shorts, red and white stockings.

ARSENAL

HOW TO GET TO Highbury

Arsenal Underground station (Piccadilly Line) is within one minute's walk of the ground, while Finsbury Park (Piccadilly and Victoria Line) and Drayton Park (Northern Line) are also within walking distance of Highbury. The ground is also served by the following bus services — 4a, 19, 106, 141a and 236.

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RECORD VICTORY:

12-0 v Loughborough Town, Division Two, March 12, 1900.

RECORD DEFEAT:

0-8 v Loughborough Town, Division Two, December 12th, 1896.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:

66 in Division One, 1930-31.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:

Ted Drake, 42 in Division One, 1934-35.

Willie Young (below, right) outjumps Peter Eastoe of Q.P.R. in Arsenal's 1-0 victory at Highbury.



Arsenal manager Terry Neill (above) was one of the finest players ever to wear the shirt of Northern Ireland. Terry won 59 caps for his country between 1960 and 1973.

He had signed for Arsenal as a 17-year-old in December, 1959, and at 20 was the youngest skipper in Arsenal's history. Became player-manager of Hull City in May, 1970, and then manager of Tottenham in September, 1974. Terry has also been manager of the Northern Ireland international team. He took over at Highbury in June, 1976.

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1972-73	John Radford.....	15
1973-74	Alan Ball.....	13
1974-75	Brian Kidd.....	19
1975-76	Brian Kidd.....	11
1976-77	Malcolm Macdonald.....	25



ABOVE . . . Liam Brady. RIGHT . . . Frank Stapleton.

THEIR RECORD SINCE 1960-61

(C — League Champions; P — Promoted; R — Relegated; W — Winners; F — Finalists; S/F — Semi-Finalists; Q/F — Quarter-Finalists; E — European Cup; CW — European Cup-Winners' Cup; U — U.E.F.A. or Fairs Cup; DNC — Did not compete.)

SEASON	LEAGUE Division & Position	F.A. CUP Round Reached	LEAGUE CUP Round Reached	EUROPE Round Reached
1960-61	1 — 11th	3rd	DNC	DNC
1961-62	1 — 10th	4th	DNC	DNC
1962-63	1 — 7th	5th	DNC	DNC
1963-64	1 — 8th	5th	DNC	2nd (U)
1964-65	1 — 13th	4th	DNC	DNC
1965-66	1 — 14th	3rd	DNC	DNC
1966-67	1 — 7th	5th	3rd	DNC
1967-68	1 — 9th	5th	F	DNC
1968-69	1 — 4th	5th	F	DNC
1969-70	1 — 12th	3rd	3rd	W (U)
1970-71	1 — 1st (C)	W	4th	Q/F (U)
1971-72	1 — 5th	F	4th	Q/F (E)
1972-73	1 — 2nd	S/F	Q/F	DNC
1973-74	1 — 10th	4th	2nd	DNC
1974-75	1 — 16th	Q/F	2nd	DNC
1975-76	1 — 17th	3rd	2nd	DNC
1976-77	1 — 8th	5th	Q/F	DNC
1977-78	1 — —	—	S/F	DNC

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ARSENAL



BACK ROW (left to right): Wilf Dixon (asst-manager), Graham Rix, David Price, David O'Leary, Jimmy Rimmer (now Aston Villa), Willie Young, Pat Rice, Liam Brady, Fred Street (physio).
FRONT ROW: Sammy Nelson, Peter Simpson, Frank

ENAL



Stapleton, Alan Hudson, Malcolm Macdonald, Terry Neill (manager), George Armstrong (now Leicester City), Richie Powling, John Matthews, Will Rostron (now Sunderland), Trevor Ross (now Everton).

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PEN-PICTURES

(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes; All records to end of December, 1977)

LIAM BRADY: Outstanding mid-field player signed professional in July, 1973. 15 full caps for Republic of Ireland. Born Dublin. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.7. L. App:— 139 and 8 sub. G:— 17.

ALAN HUDSON: Midfielder signed from Stoke City in December, 1976, for £180,000. England Under-23 international and two full caps. Born London. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 12.1. L. App:— Chelsea 144 and 1 sub, Stoke 105, Arsenal 23. G:— Chelsea 10, Stoke 9.

PAT JENNINGS: Goalkeeper bargain from rivals Tottenham at £45,000 in August, 1977. His 71 caps for Northern Ireland is a record for that country. Born Newry, Co Down. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.6. L. App:— Watford 48, Tottenham 472, Arsenal 23.

MALCOLM MACDONALD: Goal-scoring favourite of Highbury who cost £333,333 when signed from Newcastle United in August, 1976. England Under-23 international with 14 full caps. Born Fulham. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.3. L. App:— Fulham 10 and 3 sub, Luton 88, Newcastle 187, Arsenal 63. G:— Fulham 5, Luton 49, Newcastle 95, Arsenal 31.

JOHN MATTHEWS: Defender signed professional in August, 1973, and a member of the Highbury first team squad. Born London. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.13. L. App:— 36 and 5 sub. G:— 1.

SAMMY NELSON: Defender signed professional in April, 1966. 31 caps for Northern Ireland. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 159 and 9 sub. G:— 6.

DAVID O'LEARY: Central defender signed professional in July, 1975. Six full caps for Republic of Ireland. Born London Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.3. L. App:— 82. G:— 3.

RICHIE POWLING: Defender signed professional in July, 1973. Born London. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 11.6. L. App:— 50 and 5 sub. G:— 1.

DAVID PRICE: Midfielder signed professional in August, 1972. Returned from a spell on loan to Peterborough to win a regular place in the Arsenal first team. Born Caterham. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.2. L. App:— Peterborough (loan) 6, Arsenal 28 and 6 sub. G:— Peterborough 1, Arsenal 2.

PAT RICE: Full-back partner of Sammy Nelson for club and country. Signed professional in March, 1966. 41 full caps for Northern Ireland. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— 311 and 4 sub. G:— 10.



Alan Sunderland (arms raised) scores against his former club Wolves. Pat Rice (left) is skipper at Highbury. Arsenal and Northern Ireland goalkeeper Pat Jennings (below).



GRAHAM RIX: Midfielder who scored on his League debut v Leicester on April 2nd, 1977. Signed professional in January, 1975. Won his first England Under-21 cap this season. Born Doncaster. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 27 and 3 sub. G:— 3.

PETER SIMPSON: Defender signed professional in April, 1962, and is Arsenal's longest serving player. Born Gorleston. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 11.9. L. App:— 353 and 16 sub. G:— 10.

FRANK STAPLETON: Striker signed professional in October, 1973, and top scorer for Arsenal this season. Five full caps for Republic of Ireland. Born Dublin. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.7. L. App:— 86 and 2 sub. G:— 25.

ALAN SUNDERLAND: Midfielder or striker signed from Wolverhampton Wanderers in

November, 1977, for £180,000. His impressive form won him selection for England 'B' side v West Germany 'B' in March, 1978. Born Mexborough. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.6½. L. App:— Wolves 139 and 19 sub, Arsenal 10. G:— Wolves 30, Arsenal 2.

STEVE WALFORD: Defender signed from Tottenham in August, 1977, and has already been given his League chance in Arsenal's first team. Born London. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— Tottenham 1 and 1 sub, Arsenal 1 sub.

WILLIE YOUNG: Central defender signed from Tottenham for £80,000 in March, 1977. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 6.3. Wt. 12.10. L. App:— Aberdeen 132, Tottenham 54, Arsenal 32. G:— Aberdeen 10, Tottenham 3, Arsenal 2.

LEAGUE FIXTURES

Aug			
20	Ipswich T.....	A	0-1
23	Everton.....	H	1-0
27	Wolverhampton W.....	A	1-1
Sept			
3	Nottm. For.....	H	3-0
10	Aston Villa.....	A	0-1
17	Leicester C.....	H	2-1
24	Norwich C.....	A	0-1
Oct			
7	West Ham.....	H	3-0
14	Liverpool.....	H	0-0
21	Man. City.....	A	1-2
28	Q.P.R.....	A	1-0
Nov			
5	Bristol C.....	A	2-0
12	Birmingham C.....	H	1-1
19	Man. Utd.....	A	2-1
26	Coventry C.....	H	1-1
Dec			
3	Newcastle U.....	A	2-1
10	Derby Co.....	H	1-3
17	Middlesbrough.....	A	1-0
24	Leeds U.....	H	1-1
31	Coventry C.....	A	2-1
Jan			
7	Chelsea.....	H	3-0
14	W.B.A.....	A	3-1
21	Everton.....	A	0-2
Feb			
4	Ipswich T.....	H	1-0
11	Wolverhampton W.....	A	3-1
18	Nottm. For.....	H	0-2
25	Aston Villa.....	H	0-1
Mar			
4	Leicester C.....	A	1-1
11	West Ham.....	A	2-2
18	Norwich C.....	H	0-0
25	Man. City.....	H	3-0
Apr			
1	Bristol C.....	H	
8	Birmingham C.....	A	
15	W.B.A.....	H	
22	Chelsea.....	A	
29	Man. Utd.....	H	
May			
6	Derby Co.....	A	
13	Q.P.R.....	A	
20	Newcastle U.....	H	
27	Leeds U.....	A	
3	Liverpool.....	A	
10	Middlesbrough.....	H	

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RAINER BONHOF, star of Borussia Mönchengladbach and West Germany, was featured in a 45-minute programme for television which showed him playing, with his family and businesses.

Bonhof received just £1,000 for his co-operation, very little by German standards.

He says: "It's part of my saying goodbye to West Germany."

After the World Cup, it's odds-on he'll sign for a Spanish club, possibly Valencia. The name of the programme: "The blond who came after Günter Netzer."

A team in five weeks!

● When ex-Chelsea boss Eddie McCreadie became manager of the Memphis Rogues on 23rd February, he was given a stiff task: to have a team ready for April 1st when the North American season gets under way.

The Rogues had been badly let down by Malcolm Allison, who left five weeks before the start of the N.A.S.L. season with next to no players on the staff.

McCreadie says: "It can't be as big a challenge as Chelsea, where I had no money to spend."

"I was always very helpful to American clubs when I was at Stamford Bridge, and I

hope I get the same co-operation now I'm on the other side of the fence."

The man behind the Rogues is T. Beaudec Rogers III, who built Tampa Bay Rowdies into one of America's top clubs.

Beau says: "This will be a very interesting season now the great Pele has gone. I'm very confident soccer will be a success in Memphis. We have a magnificent stadium and I'm sure we'll be ready by April 1st."

The symbol of the Memphis club is a rogue elephant, dreamed up by a local advertising agency.



Come back plea to German star

DURING the next few weeks West Germany manager Helmut Schoen will be pleading with Jürgen Grabowski (left), a star of the last two World Cups, to make a comeback to the international scene.

The Eintracht Frankfurt captain retired from international soccer after helping his country win the World Cup in Munich.

Grabowski, now 33, is playing better than ever as a midfielder and every week receives rave notices in the very critical German Press.

Schoen knows his present side is far from strong enough to retain the World Cup. He has two or three key positions unfilled.

The Germans have lost five world-class stars from the 1974 side and no country can absorb such a loss. Wolfgang Overath has retired and is too old to be recalled.

But the other players, like Grabowski, are still playing club football as brilliantly as ever and but for their decisions to "opt out" would still be automatic choices.

Gerd Müller is the top scorer in the Bundesliga and even though

Klaus Fischer has done well, there's no one like Der Bomber.

Franz Beckenbauer signed for the Cosmos and thus said "adios" to the 1978 World Cup.

Paul Breitner is a bit of a rebel and he and Schoen don't see eye to eye.

Grabowski... well, let Schoen take up the story. He says: "Jürgen and I live in the same village, Wiesbaden, so I see him often."

"I've written-off the other players, but I shan't give up with Grabowski. I still hope he will change his mind and I'll do everything I can to make him come back."

"He did superbly for me in 1970 in Mexico as a substitute and in 1974 his wing play was very important. Now, he would be even more valuable as the midfield designer."

"It makes me sad when I read he is the man of the match every time he plays for Eintracht... sad, because he could be doing it for Germany."

"Our chances in Argentina would improve greatly if Jürgen is in the team."

● While British players are complaining bitterly about crippling levels of taxation, their Spanish counterparts have won significant new concessions. The tax man has admitted players' earnings are concentrated into a short ten or 15-year career, and has agreed to a new system which spreads the tax load over a longer period. Incidentally, Spanish tax averages out at about 16-20 per cent, roughly half of that in Britain.

SCOTLAND'S World Cup opponents Peru notched up a narrow 1-0 win over San Lorenzo in the first of a series of preparation games against Argentinian club sides. The only goal was scored in the 50th minute by Peru midfielder Teófilo Cubillas.

Which colour?

THE SHIRTS OF BRAZIL'S goalkeepers are the subject of considerable discussion amongst members of their Technical Commission. One school of thought believes the jerseys should be dull, blending in as much as possible with the background... i.e. grey, black, dark blue.

This, they say, makes it difficult for opposing forwards to spot the 'keeper's position.

The new theory is the shirt should be brightly coloured... orange, red or yellow perhaps. This, they argue, will attract opponents to shoot directly at the goalie.

GOAL-SHY WONDERS

Here's the latest check-list on Europe's Goal-Shy Wonders — the First Division teams who are regularly involved in low-scoring games, with fewer goals than points. This was the position taking into account all the games played in February:

Austria — None
 Belgium — None
 Bulgaria — JSK Spartak, Cernomore Varna, P. Blagoevgrad, Lokomotiv Sofia
 Czechoslovakia — None
 East Germany — Union Berlin
 England — Leicester City
 France — None
 Greece — Panseiraios, Panionios, Egaleo
 Holland — None
 Hungary — None
 Italy — Foggia, Torino, Inter Milan, Atalanta, Bologna
 Luxembourg — None
 Poland — Lech Poznan, Lodz SK, Slask Wroclaw, Arka Gdynia, Ruch Chorzow, Szombierski
 Portugal — Belenenses
 Rumania — Tirgoviste
 Scotland — None
 Spain — None
 Switzerland — None
 Turkey — Ankaragucu, Mersin, Orduspor, Samsunspor, Adanaspor
 West Germany — None
 Yugoslavia — Radnicki Nis

● When the Belgian national team played a friendly against the Belgian Army (3-0), no Anderlecht players took part. Anderlecht manager Raymond Goethals explained: "Players are overloaded with League, Cup, European and other games."

During the reign of the previous Belgium manager, there were problems getting players released and he criticised club bosses for their selfishness.

The manager? Raymond Goethals...

SWEDISH international stopper Roy Andersson of Champions Malmö FF has been voted Player of the Year by the Swedish sports writers.

HOLLAND manager Ernst Happel was unhappy with his side's form during their 2-1 win in Israel. After the game he said: "I never name the good or bad players. I shall tell you, though, that some players who played today will not be going to Argentina."

● The five-year-old daughter of Belgian Footballer of the Year Julian Cools (FC Bruges) was killed in a car accident in front of her house. Training at Bruges was postponed for a day and Cools did not play in their next game.

● There was a nasty shock for World Cup architects in Argentina when a concrete wall collapsed in the newly-constructed stadium complex in Mar del Plata. Fortunately the wall was part of the tunnel leading out to the athletics track and engineers reported with a sigh of relief there's no danger to the main structure of the stadium.



MEXICO thrashed El Salvador 5-1 in a recent World Cup preparation game. Their 19-year-old wonder-striker Hugo Sanchez scored three of the goals.

LOSING to Orient in the F.A. Cup ... and beating European Champions Liverpool in the League — what a way to start March! Chelsea showed their worst form against The O's at Stamford Bridge, but bounced back to beat Liverpool for the second time this year (we knocked them out of the F.A. Cup in the Third Round).

I would take nothing away from Orient, who thoroughly deserved their place in the Sixth Round at our expense.

We felt we'd done the hardest part by holding them to a draw at Brisbane Road. Funnily enough, Orient didn't look particularly outstanding that afternoon.

Bill Roffey's own goal gave us a great start in the replay and we should have pressed home our advantage. But as soon as Peter Kitchen scored that superb equaliser, I had a feeling The O's would win.

I've no idea why we played so badly. We lacked team-work and nothing we tried came off — it was almost as if we'd never played together! The effort was there, but little else.

I've never seen the lads so down in the dumps as when we prepared for the Liverpool game. It was like a morgue and I wondered how we were going to raise ourselves from the disappointment of going out of the Cup.

The younger players took it worst of all. The likes of Peter Bonetti and Ron Harris have experienced it before, so it didn't affect them in the same way. I came somewhere in-between!

Our build-up to Liverpool was very quiet, yet on the day we showed our character and won 3-1 after being a goal down.

While I have to admit I've seen Liverpool play better, this was a very important victory for us ... possibly the most important of the season.

I dread to think what our mood would have been like had we also lost to The Reds.

Liverpool were tired, not surprising after their gruelling trip to Lisbon where they did well to beat Benfica 2-1 on a very sticky pitch.

Looking back, I'd have rather beaten Liverpool than Orient. Yes, even though we were fancying our

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writes for you



'I prefer League points to Cup glory'

Orient, on the other hand, were well-organised, worked like beavers and kept possession cleverly. In Peter Kitchen they have a striker with an eye for goals and after being marked out of the tie for one and a half games, finally shook off Ron Harris to become Orient's hero.

I can see why Peter will probably end as London's top marksman — possibly even the League's. Like all goal-men, he can be seemingly out of the match when suddenly he's there when it matters ... as we found out.

Our manager, Ken Shellito, doesn't usually say too much after a poor performance. He prefers to let the situation cool down until training, but after that Cup defeat Ken left us in no doubts what he thought about our play.

I was shattered. Instead of going out for a meal, I went straight home to get away from it all. I've learnt to accept defeat in a more professional way now.

It used to ruin my weekend if Chelsea lost on Saturday. I was murder to live with.

With a bit more experience under my belt, I realise you can't possibly win every game and what's done is done. Forget it — and look forward.



"West Ham and Newcastle United are both staring Division Two in the face."



chances of reaching Wembley with so many top First Division sides out of the competition.

Most of us have played in Division Two and while Chelsea aren't relegation candidates, we want to make double-sure we stay in the top flight. To go down would be disastrous and even though we are clear of the four teams at the bottom, every point helps — hence my preference for points rather than Cup glory.

This may surprise you, but most of the Chelsea players feel the same way. The League is our "bread and butter" and must be our priority at all times.



We seem to have the Indian sign over Liverpool — and I hope it continues for a few seasons to come!

One significant factor in our League victory was the switch of left-winger Clive Walker to a deeper midfield role, giving us a 4-4-2 formation. Clive drew Phil Neal, the Liverpool right-back, farther upfield and we exploited this gap.

Our first goal was scored by Tommy Langley when I found him with a through-ball into the space on the right side of the Liverpool defence. I was also delighted to see Steve Finnieston scoring twice.

Jock, as we call him, has had a rough time with injuries this season and I hope these problems are behind him now.

Meanwhile, the relegation issue is hotting up and it looks like three from four: Leicester, Newcastle, Q.P.R. and West Ham, although one or two other sides could slip down if they're not careful.

Rangers seem to have found form at the right time and I think they'll get out of trouble. Their luck has changed and they're getting a few breaks . . . while West Ham aren't.

I've said all along I can't see West Ham going down, but I reckon I'm going to have to change my mind. They're just not getting any decent results and their performance at Nottingham Forest a few weeks ago sums up their plight.

With the score at 0-0, fairly late in the game, Derek Hales missed an open goal — "the one chance in a million he doesn't stick away," said Hammers' boss John Lyall afterwards.

When you're down, the breaks always go against you.

Leicester and Newcastle appear to be "dead". Having been in a similar position with Chelsea three years ago, I know how they feel.

Relegation-threatened teams become very depressed and lack confidence. They kid themselves they have a chance of staying up by referring to the record books and pointing out that so-and-so beat relegation when they were in a worse position. Deep down, they know they need a miracle.

When we played Leicester and Newcastle, neither looked a good side and even though we lost at St. James' Park, we created enough chances to have won.

I can't understand what's gone wrong at Leicester. Under Frank McIntock I fancied them to do quite well. They seem to have some classy players, but something must be wrong somewhere.

Newcastle must have suffered through so many changes, both with players and managers. It's a shame that a big club like Newcastle is staring Division Two in the face. They have introduced some new faces to the team and while they may do well in the long term, right now they need the experience of older stars.

Frank Sibley is winning his battle at Loftus Road. He's had a rough time in his first season as a manager, having to make sweeping changes at the club.

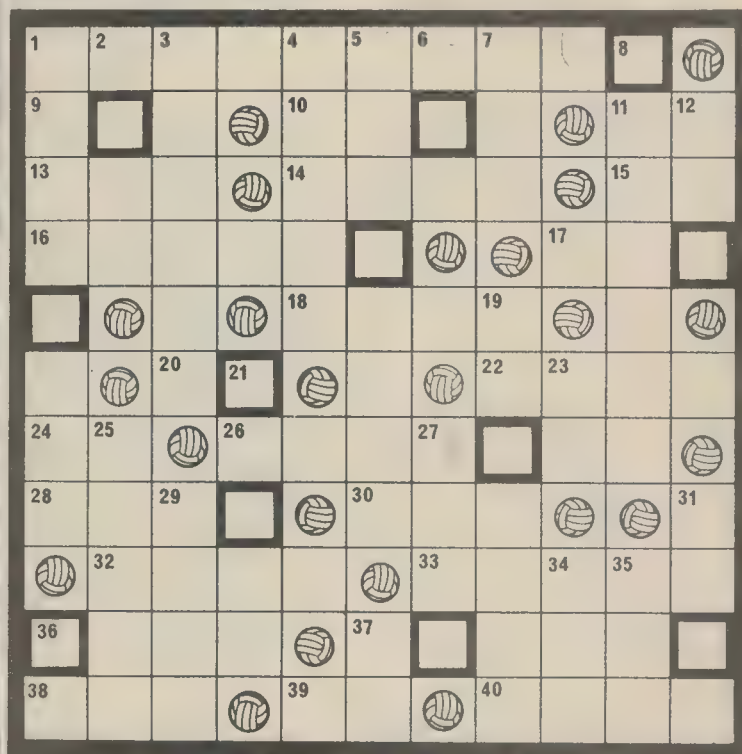
As an outsider, it looks as if he's done the right things, for Rangers are showing character to go with their undoubted skill.

Have a good Easter — and I hope to see you in a fortnight.

Raymond

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Leeds United midfielder. Answers on page 38.



ACROSS:—

- (1) Arsenal midfielder in his first full season in the senior team. (5 & 5).
- (9) P-lme-ston Park home of Qu-on of the South.
- (10) Alan D-vo-sh-o (West Ham). "Horse control" from the missing letters.
- (11) Fr-ton Park, Portsmouth.
- (13) Bob —, Sunderland striker.
- (14) Metal which Scunthorpe are nicknamed The —.
- (15) Keith O-g-od of Coventry City.
- (16) Bill —, Chelsea striker.
- (17) Phil B—r, Bristol Rovers' full-back.
- (18) John —, Norwich City full-back.
- (20) —uglas Park (Hamilton Academicals).
- (22) Sta-B-le (Q.P.R.). Possesses from the missing letters.
- (24) — Andrews, Birmingham City's ground.
- (26) Was the main attraction in a stage show . . . or, perhaps, a match!
- (28) Take four letters from Home Park (Plymouth Argyle) to give "hurt or damage".
- (30) S-ind—Town. The omissions reversed.
- (32) A hard-up club might have to obtain a financial one.
- (33) The last match of a knockout competition.
- (36) The manager usually has a — as to how his team should play.
- (37) h-s-rf-el, Third Division club. Deception from the omissions.
- (38) — United, Scottish Premier Division club from Somerset Park.
- (39) John Mc—vern of Nottingham Forest.
- (40) The man who saves the match — for instance!

DOWN:—

- (1) Kenny —, Liverpool and Scotland international striker.
- (2) Could be the "penalty" one or "goal" one on the field of play.
- (3) Changed direction or course.
- (4) P-te-bo-ough Un-te. "Less wet" from the missing letters.
- (5) Steve —, Spurs' defender and captain.
- (6) — de Janeiro. Venue of a Brazil v. England draw in June, 1977.
- (7) Steve F—ieston of Chelsea.
- (8) — Park, home of Dunfermline Athletic (4 & 3).
- (12) Digit of the foot.
- (19) — City; First Division club from Carrow Road.
- (21) Russell —, Ipswich Town defender.
- (23) Barry Po—ll of Coventry City.
- (25) Total of the points scored, for instance.
- (27) Dennis —, Leicester City defender.
- (29) The Hampden one is quite famous! . . . and what a sound!
- (31) Take four letters from Port Vale for the "highest male voice".
- (34) Kevi- K-lan of Norwich City.
- (35) —drieonians (Scots Div. I).
- (36) Martin —tching of Wolves.
- (37) Ray Gray—n now with Washington Diplomats, in the North America Soccer League.

SHOOT: Welcome back, Mexico!

VAZQUEZ AYALA: Thanks. Everyone in Mexico is very happy we've managed to qualify again. Losing to Haiti in 1974 was a national disaster! Up to then, Mexico had been in every World Cup except in 1934 and 1938, and Argentina will be our eighth appearance in the Finals.

SHOOT: One thing that strikes us is, unlike Peru and Brazil, the Mexico squad doesn't contain any familiar names of players who took part in 1970, when you were the host nation.

VAZQUEZ AYALA: That's right. Though actually there is one — our sweeper "Kalimán" Guzmán. He's 32 now and the "daddy" of the team. Apart from him, the squad is very young, and the average age must be about 24. Apart from Guzmán, none of the players who lost against Haiti is still in the national team.

SHOOT: How long have you been captain, Arturo?

VAZQUEZ AYALA: Only since last August! Before that, Javier Sánchez Galindo was skipper, but our manager José Antonio Roca sacked him for not obeying instructions on the pitch. That's when he asked me to take over, and of course I was proud to accept.

SHOOT: Tell us a little about the Mexico team. What formation do you use, for example?

VAZQUEZ AYALA: We play a 4-3-3 system, though I don't want to give away too many secrets! Most of our squad come from Mexico's top club sides like América, Cruz Azul, Atlético Español, Universidad de Guadalajara and my own club, Universidad de México.

SHOOT: Do you play what we in Europe would regard as "typical" South American football?

VAZQUEZ AYALA: I suppose so, in some respects at least. I think our ball skills will please the crowds in Argentina. We can't even dream of playing the "total football" of Holland or West Germany, but we're developing our own blend of fitness and skill which we think will be effective in Argentina.

SHOOT: How do you explain the "two faces" of the Mexico team? In the preliminary phase you scored only three goals — and they were all in one match against the U.S.A. Yet in the final phase you rattled in 20 in five games! What happened?

VAZQUEZ AYALA: It's always difficult to pinpoint exactly why a team changes, but I think the arrival of new manager, José Antonio Roca, a year ago probably had a lot to do with it. I don't want to run down previous manager "Nacho" Treles who's done so much for Mexican soccer, but I think Roca has done the right thing by introducing a lot of younger players into the squad.



No.8 Arturo Vazquez Ayala (MEXICO)

style — he's nicknamed The Caveman! — but he's a great player. He plays on the left flank of the middle three, and it's great having him around in my part of the pitch. "Péndulo" de la Torre works well on the right as well, and the other midfielder Javi Cárdenas is also very skilful.

from Rangel we've got people like Jiménez and Islordia. And 19-year-old Hugo Sánchez really is sensational.

SHOOT: Is the Mexico squad strong enough to cover possible injuries during a hectic World Cup programme?

VAZQUEZ AYALA: Definitely. In our five qualifying matches, Roca used 22 players, and only Hugo Sánchez and I played in all five.

SHOOT: You say Sánchez and the rest of the attack are red-hot, but eight of your 20 goals came against the part-timers of Surinam. You'll be up against tougher defences in Argentina...

VAZQUEZ AYALA: Oh yes, we're well aware of that. But please don't criticise us for scoring eight against Surinam! No one else has done so! Remember we also beat Yugoslavia 5-1 last year, and we drew 2-2 with World Champions West Germany, too. We were 2-0 up at half-time, but their superior physical fitness told in the second-half. That taught us a valuable lesson, and we're going to have five weeks' intensive training before the World Cup begins.

SHOOT: Talking about last year, which was your most difficult qualifying match?

'WE COULD BE THE SURPRISE SIDE'

SHOOT: Such as striker Victor Rangel who everyone's talking about now?

VAZQUEZ AYALA: Exactly. He wasn't an established national team regular, but Roca sent him on after half-time against Haiti and he scored after 25 seconds! He scored two more in that match, and finished with seven goals in about 300 minutes of play. Now he's one of the idols.

SHOOT: We've heard Vázquez Ayala's pretty popular, too. Your upfield runs are quite spectacular.

VAZQUEZ AYALA: Thanks very much! Yes, it's part of the team's plan for the two full-backs to move into attack. Manolo Najera goes up on the right and, as I'm left-back, I move forward on the left. But don't build me up too much in your magazine — I wasn't so popular when I missed a penalty in our recent friendly against Levski Spartak!

SHOOT: Who else do you think will catch the eye in Argentina?

VAZQUEZ AYALA: I think our midfielder Leonardo Cuéllar will impress a lot of people. We rib him mercilessly about his "Afro" hair-



SHOOT: Will Mexico play attacking football in Argentina, or will you try to keep the Germans and the Poles out with a strong defence?

VAZQUEZ AYALA: I think you'll be seeing the attacking Mexico! The qualifying matches proved we're a better side coming forward, and our strikers are pretty good. Apart

VAZQUEZ AYALA: It's difficult to say. Maybe the last match in the preliminary phase when we drew 0-0 at home with Canada. I know the draw was enough for us to qualify for the next round, but the last ten minutes or so were really nerve-wracking for everyone in Mexico! We'd been well on top for the whole match, but there was that nagging fear Canada would

score a lucky goal — and that would have been the end of Mexico! In the final phase, Guatemala gave us a tough game, but I'd pick out our opening match against Haiti as the most difficult. Everyone remembered Haiti had knocked us out of the 1974 World Cup, and the Press and fans were really nervous about the game. We were, too! Hugo Sánchez gave us the lead in the first-half, but we still couldn't settle down to a relaxed game. Then Rangel came on in the second-half and scored straight away. After that it was no problem, and we won 4-1. But those first 45 minutes were probably the worst of the whole tournament.

SHOOT: Being honest, how far do you think Mexico can get in June?

VAZQUEZ AYALA: I'm not sure, because we've had a tough draw.

Fancy being in the same group as West Germany and Poland! They finished first and third in 1974, yet they're grouped with us! Still, we've proved we can handle West Germany, and also we're very much the underdogs — which suits us fine. We might surprise a few people. Don't forget we finished top of our group in 1970, ahead of teams like the U.S.S.R. and Belgium. Then we lost to Italy — who went on to the Final.

SHOOT: Yes, but in 1970 you were the host nation. And this time your qualifying group was also played in Mexico. We get the impression Mexico aren't anything like as impressive away from their own fans...

VAZQUEZ AYALA: Well, I can't deny that playing in front of your own fans is a great advantage for any team. Look what it did for England in 1966 and for West Germany in 1974! As for us, we'll be doing a lot of travelling between now and June, and playing against top opposition. So we'll be well acclimatised to "away" matches before the World Cup gets under way. Anyway, playing in Córdoba and Rosario won't be such a wrench for us. In Argentina everyone speaks the same language as us, and I imagine the crowd will support us rather than the Germans, the Poles or the Tunisians. I know West Germany and Poland are hot favourites, but don't write us off. Every World Cup has a surprise team — and we could be it!

● Interview by Pedro Citroni.

LEFT... Victor Rangel celebrates a goal.

BELOW... Alfredo Tena, one of the "fringe" players.

LEFT... Back row: de la Torre, Ramos, Cuellar, Cárdenas, Gómez, Najera. Front row: Reyes, Ortega, Rangel, Hugo Sánchez and Vázquez Ayala. Team that beat El Salvador 3-1.

PEN PICTURES

Where possible, we hope to bring you a Focus On one of the top stars of our featured World Cup Finalists. Unfortunately, this wasn't possible with Mexico, but here are details of their squad — compiled by our reporter Pedro Citroni.

FRANCISCO CASTREJON. Goalkeeper. Age 30. Club: América. Highly regarded, but when SHOOT saw him his handling and positioning were definitely suspect. As a Peruvian journalist sitting next to me said: "With Castrejón, if a shot looks like it *could* be a goal, it *IS* a goal!"

JOSE PILAR REYES. Goalkeeper. Age 22. Club: Universitario de Nuevo Leon. Acrobatic with good handling. Pilar Reyes was voted Goalkeeper of the Year by Mexican managers 1976/77. Played twice in the qualifying ties, but lacks experience.

MANUEL NAJERA. Right-back. Age 25. Club: Universidad de Guadalajara. A fast, skilful defender who overlaps frequently on the right.

ARTURO "GONINI" VAZQUEZ AYALA. Age 27. Club: Universidad de Mexico. Left-back and captain. Cheerful character and an energetic type of player who loves to surge forward and often scores decisive goals.

CARLOS GOMEZ. Central defender. Age 24. Club: León. The hatchet-man of the side. "Even if my mother were playing in the opposing attack she'd have to put up with some heavy tackling." Not exactly a calming influence on the team.

EDUARDO RAMOS. Central defender. Age 28. Club: Toluca. A classy stopper, though his marking is sometimes slack. Excellent distribution.

JAVIER "KALIMAN" GUZMAN. Central defender. Age 32. Club: Cruz Azul. The veteran of the squad, "Kalimán" is the Bobby Moore of the Mexican defence. He also has dynamite in his right foot and watch out for his free-kicks.

ANTONIO DE LA TORRE. Midfielder. Age 23. Club: América. One of Mexico's great young players who works non-stop in the middle of the park. Nicknamed the Pendulum because he makes the side tick.

RAFAEL "CHEPE" CHAVEZ. Midfielder. Age 25. Club: Universidad de Guadalajara. Manager Roca considers "Chepe" one of his key men, but a run of injuries has kept him out of the national side. He has brilliant ball-control and makes plenty of chances for his forwards.

JAVIER CARDENAS. Midfielder. Age 25. Club: Toluca. A good ball-player with a deadly long-range shot... good enough to beat Sepp Maier from 30 yards, for example, during the friendly against the Germans.



Pin-up boy Hugo Sánchez.

LEONARDO CUELLAR. Midfielder. Age 25. Club: Universidad de Mexico. Undoubtedly the star of the team. He's intelligent, reads the game well and works tirelessly for 90 minutes. Nicknamed The Caveman because of his Afro hair-style.

PAUL "RULAS" ISIORDIA. Winger. Age 25. Club: Atlético Español. Can play on either flank and is a strong, aggressive runner. Scored twice in two qualifying appearances.

HUGO SANCHEZ. Winger. Age 19. Club: Universidad de Mexico. The Golden Boy of Mexican football, he was outstanding in the Cannes Youth Tournament and the '76 Olympics. He's strong, cheeky and scores a lot of goals.

JOSE DE JESUS ACEVES. Striker. Age 25. Club: Cruz Azul. Almost a European-style aggressive number nine, he's very dangerous in the air.

ALFREDO "ALACRAN" JIMENEZ. Striker. Age 26. Club: Cruz Azul. Another bustling striker, who makes up in strength and aggression what he lacks in ball skill.

VICTOR RANGEL. Striker. Age 21. Club: Guadalajara. Rangel teams up brilliantly with Hugo Sánchez as he proved in Cannes and the Olympics. Roca gave him his chance in four qualifying ties and Rangel obliged with seven goals. Mexico's great hope in Argentina.

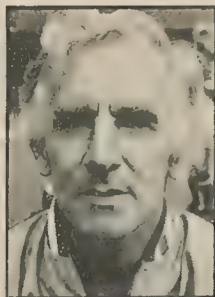
JOSE ANTONIO ROCA. Manager. Age 49. A left-back in his playing days, he represented Mexico in the 1950 World Cup Finals. Joined the F.A. as General Secretary and was a member of the 1970 Organising Committee. Later that year Roca took over as manager of América, where he remained until 1975, spending one season as boss of Laguna before joining Atlético Español in 1976. Appointed national manager in February, 1977.

Next week: ROBERT SARA (Austria)

Wales' premier club Cardiff City, deep in financial troubles, took the unprecedented step of listing all their players — in a bid to clear off part of the quarter of a million pound debt and to save the club from extinction.

How has it affected the morale and confidence at Ninian Park? Manager Jimmy Andrews and senior professional Paul Went gave the two sides of the story to SHOOT.

WHAT'S BEING DONE TO SAVE CARDIFF



JIMMY ANDREWS SAYS:

"We have suddenly been saddled with an overload because of the Safety of Grounds Act. More than 90 per cent of football clubs in Britain today are in desperate trouble moneywise, but because they haven't had the sort of overload we have they get by. We have had to do it immediately because we are an international ground and we didn't have twelve months' grace. We had to almost throw open the doors and show exactly what the situation really was.

"We need 19,000 gates to cover running costs alone. Even on the gates we get half of the money is taken up by tax and away clubs, so out of every £1 we receive at the gate we only get about 55 pence — and we haven't had a gate over 9,000 for a League match this season.

"On the gates we are getting we are losing over £2,000 a week over the season. We have 25-30 players, and while only 12 of those are earning at the same time it's still a far different story to the old days of low wages.

"I sold three players quickly — Pete Sayer to Brighton, Keith Robson to Norwich and Bill Irwin to Washington Diplomats and got a total of £140,000 for them. If the gates do not improve dramatically we will have to keep selling players to level up the money. Any of the players are available for transfer. I've got to try and balance the books by either selling a player or letting a player go who I think I can replace from my own resources at below his real value.

"It's going to be a great opportunity for the kids at the club as I will have to put them in earlier than I would have done.

'Financial state'

"Transferring players is a strange job because the value depends on another club's need. I put a value on a player and hope I can get that price. But at the end of the day I also have to consider the club's financial state and perhaps let a player go cheaper than I would like.

"It's not only a question of selling a player — it's also a matter of saving on wages.

"It's a funny business. I've got every player available and yet there hasn't been a tremendous amount of interest. Clubs have got to be doing well before interest in their players heats up. The bad weather didn't help us either as managers won't sign players without seeing them — and so many of our matches were off.

"In the first month we sold Sayer, Robson and Irwin. Crystal Palace asked about Tony Evans, Swansea made what I thought was a ridiculous offer for Phil Dwyer, Exeter put in a bid for Steve Grapes that was below my lowest taking price, Mansfield asked about Alan Campbell and Carlisle inquired about John Buchanan.

"One of the biggest problems today is clubs with financial trouble have to play safe all the time and buy for safety rather than progress.

"At Cardiff, for example, in recent times I've had to buy players purely to stay in the Second Division. Sometimes those players are only marginally better than the players I have. Also you can't afford to get the better players you need so have to sign players who have something wrong with them. You have to gamble.

"Last year I bought Robin Friday from Reading cheaply because he had off-the-park problems. If he hadn't had those troubles he would have been a £100,000 player — beyond my means. But I had to take the gamble, and in that case it went wrong because he had so many

- ★ The Dragon Lottery — it is hoped to bring in £1,000 a week profit.
- ★ Cardiff City F.C. Action Committee — a fund-raising organisation.
- ★ Appeal Fund — launched with the promise of a £1,000 donation from manager Jimmy Andrews.
- ★ Dramatic cut-back in expenses that includes travelling to all away matches on a Saturday and running down their stock of kit, toiletries etc.
- ★ Possible introduction of speedway racing and its estimated £1,000 a week rent throughout the summer.
- ★ Sale of players

personal problems he hardly ever played for us. Now it looks as if he'll never play again.

"If you are in our position you have to hope to pick up a youngster for £1,000 and that he will do the job for you.

"To me success at Cardiff now is a question of getting the financial position straightened out and that must be my priority. I hope we can do that and also stay in the Second Division."



PAUL WENT SAYS:

"I've been through it all before at Portsmouth — the main difference is at Cardiff we have been told what is happening and have been given the real truth of the situation.

"We sat down with the directors and had a meeting and we were all informed of the position of the club. In fact,

I'd say team spirit is better now. "We believe the club is worth fighting for and we know the only way of getting the crowds back is by winning. You can never tell what tomorrow holds in football and if the day comes when you have got to go that's fair enough.

"All the lads are fighting for the results which is the main difference. Earlier this season we were letting our heads drop but now we believe things will go for us as long as we keep running until the final whistle. There's a lot of money coming in now and I'm sure we'll make progress.

"I'm involved with a group of supporters and we've formed the Cardiff City Football Club Action Committee with six or seven members from different areas of Cardiff. We plan ideas to raise money and the lads have been to all sorts of fund-raising events as we all want Cardiff to survive.

"Personally I was asked to move into the forward line to try and keep things going as we didn't have any strikers. If it will help the club then I'm happy to do it."

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ON THEIR WAY UP

Discoveries of the season

RAY Clemence in his column of March 11th in SHOOT discussed some of the rising stars of the game — the players most likely to make their mark in coming years.

This set us thinking of some of the other youngsters who have burst on the scene recently. Obviously Ray couldn't discuss the merits of them all, but here are a few more you may like to consider.

Ray mentioned Arsenal as having perhaps the best crop of youngsters, and picked out Graham Rix. He is a fine prospect for England, but the Republic of Ireland are equally delighted at the startling progress made by 19-year-old David O'Leary.

This tall, lanky teenager has made the number five shirt his own at Highbury, and playing alongside the massively improved Willie Young, David is developing into one of the best centre-backs in the game.

It's been a good season too for David Price, who had a long wait in the Football Combination side, even going to Peterborough once on loan. Now he's established himself in the senior line-up he's growing in confidence with every game.

West Brom are a fine combination of youth and experience at the moment, and the presence of stalwarts like John Wile, Paddy Mulligan, Tony Brown and Willie Johnston has no doubt been a great influence on the development of the younger players.

Although Cyrille Regis had a poor game against Ray when Albion met Liverpool, he has done enough in his first season of



professional football to prove he'll be around for a while.

Derek Statham is rated by most folk as the best young full-back in the country, and John Treweek is making good strides.

It's never as easy to make your mark in the Second Division as it is in the First, so all credit to youngsters like Ken Sansom (Crystal Palace), Glenn Roeder (Orient) and Steve Williams (Southampton) for attracting a flood of praise.

Sansom is a real old head on young shoulders and seems destined for the top, while Williams has been one of the most consistent Saints of the season

along with Alan Ball — praise indeed.

Roeder is a stylish defender who thrives on authority and responsibility as he has proved in Orient's Cup triumphs this season over Norwich and Chelsea.

Up at Middlesbrough they reckon they've discovered a modern Wilf Mannion in the shape of tiny Stan Cummins.

The delicate balance and artistry which Cummins has displayed since coming into the side, led

Chelsea's Clive Walker (far left) has been tormenting defenders this term with his wing play. Cyrille Regis (left) of West Brom is a player with tremendous potential.

Jack Charlton, his old manager, to acclaim him as a certain star of the future.

Just as Brighton unearthed their particular prodigy Peter Ward last season, so Bristol Rovers have taken the wraps off their precious diamond Paul Randall this season.

Less than six months after working in a supermarket Paul has become the target for every First Division club whose priority is a goalscorer.

Chelsea's discovery of the year has been hot-shot winger Clive Walker, whose pace has devastated many a defence already, and he seems to have the qualities to make an even bigger impression with experience.

Coventry's gangling striker Mick Ferguson has become one of the most powerful number nines in the country. Everton's central-defender Mark Higgins has been extremely dominating in his first season, and Leicester's Tom Williams, even amid a dismal season for his club, has revealed enough potential to show he'll be around for a long time to come.

Kevin Dillon (Birmingham), Paul Bradshaw (Wolves) and Paul McGee (Queens Park Rangers) are others to have made an impression in the First Division, but perhaps the most dramatic rise in fortunes has surrounded Forest's Tony Woodcock.

Caught up in the mood of his amazing side, Tony has turned in a series of dazzling displays which make it hard to remember that last season he was actually loaned out to Doncaster Rovers!

He surely is the sort of player we're bound to hear a lot more about.

BRIAN FLYNN
Leeds Utd.



SHOOT!

FOCUS ON



MARK HIGGINS

Everton

FULL NAME: Mark Nicholas Higgins

BIRTHPLACE: Buxton, Derbyshire

BIRTHDATE: 29th September, 1958

HEIGHT: 6ft 1/2in

WEIGHT: 12st 12lbs

PREVIOUS CLUBS: None

MARRIED: No

CAR: Escort R.S. 2000

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Colin Todd

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester United

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Joe Jordan

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Debut v. Manchester City

BIGGEST THRILL: Being picked for the first team and playing at Wembley

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being left out of the first team against Arsenal and Nottingham Forest

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Australia

FAVOURITE FOOD: All kinds

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Golf, shooting and squash

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Waiting for people

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Happy Days, Match of the Day and the Benny Hill Show

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Diana Ross and Jimmy Ruffin

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood and Susannah York

BEST FRIEND: I have many friends

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father and Everton reserve team coach Eric Harrison

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing and being injured

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Schoolboys and Youth teams

PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for England

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? Work in my family business

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? The Queen at Wembley after winning the F.A. Cup Final

Mark Higgins

SHOOT!



NOT-SO-JOLLY ROGER...

Wolves' Steve Daley (above, far right) tries a speculative left-foot shot from outside the penalty-area. There seems no immediate danger for the Norwich defence until 'keeper Roger Hansbury (left) somehow lets the ball slip from his grasp. Roger tries (below) in vain to stop the ball from crossing the goal-line and Wolves go into a 1-0 lead. The match eventually finished 3-3.



'CELTIC WILL BE BACK'

DESPITE the best of medical attention I have been receiving recently, the biggest dose of medicine I could have been given came not from a doc, but from Scotland boss Ally MacLeod.

Ally named me in his player pool of 40 for the World Cup Finals in Argentina and so confirmed his faith in me to bounce back to action soon.

The announcement came hard on the heels of a week of tests in a hospital in Oswestry, Shropshire, where Dr. Park and his team of experts, who are doing research in X-rays, worked something called a bioxy on me.

As I write I am awaiting the results. When they come through I will get the relevant course of treatment in Glasgow.

Dr. Park was very good to me and I had the pleasure of staying with his family while I was down South. His hospitality was superb.

While I was in Shropshire, Kenny Dalglish drove down from Liverpool to see me. That was just a couple of days before he flew out to Lisbon to play in Liverpool's European Cup-tie against Benfica.

Kenny, as always, was looking well and although his club were going through a bit of a bad spell by their high standards, the result in Portugal was superb.

I got back to Glasgow just in time to see Celts beat Hearts and so win a place in the League Cup Final... something that has been a matter of course for 13 years now.

Which was just as well considering our exit from the Scottish Cup at Rugby Park, Kilmarnock. It was disappointing enough to lose to Kilmarnock, but to go out of the Cup without even scoring a goal was really a bit of a nightmare.

I offer facts, not excuses, the club played that match without a host of injured first team regulars. If there is one over-riding reason for our demise this year it must be injury.

There are, of course, other reasons, but I go along some way with the theory that says like every other great team, Real Madrid,



Spurs, Ajax, Hungary, Arsenal, Celtic are having a quiet time after so many years of glory. But just like those other great sides, we will be back.

After all, it happened to Rangers and now they are on top, poised to make it a pretty sensational season.

Incidentally it was good to see Aberdeen make it more of a race for the flag with a fine 3-0 win over Rangers at Ibrox.

I'll put my neck on the chopping block and say I still think Rangers will lead the Premier Division at the end of the season.

The Dons, brilliant side though they are, can sometimes be prone to losing to the easier outfits,

although you can never bet against them when they play the Old Firm.

Meanwhile, back on a personal note I am quite pleased with my weight after five months of no match action. I have only put on half a stone in that time and I know I could lose that in less than a week when the great day comes!

I find the best way to sweat off the pounds is cross country running... starting with a two-miles jog and working it up.

It is important I keep in trim with

Juniors to the South American World Cup Finals in one season might have proved just too much.

In any case it will take exceptional circumstances for any player to break into the recognised 22. Perhaps only John Robertson of Nottingham Forest and Jim Blyth of Coventry City will do it.

Finally I would like to verse my opinion on the undoubted talents of Johan Cruyff, who ripped Aston Villa apart with some absolute magic at Villa Park in the first-leg of the Quarter-Final of the U.E.F.A. Cup.

Criticism

Now Cruyff's brilliance is there for all to see, but would I be alone in one criticism of him? I feel sometimes the Dutch genius plays to the crowd, forgetting the needs of his own team-mates.

It is a crime several superstars are guilty of, and I would like to see them working more for the team.

Pele, the greatest of them all, was always a team man. I appreciate Cruyff is frequently marked for 90 minutes of a game and he must take every chance to show his brilliance... but... Still, I don't suppose any club in the world would refuse to take on his talents.

See you in two weeks...



the World Cup Finals coming up.

And talking of the Finals, what of Ally MacLeod's pool? The 40 on the whole was pretty predictable, as I am sure the 22 will be, but there were one or two surprises.

It was an honour for Roddy MacDonald and Roy Aitken to be selected. I doubt whether either of them has a chance of making the final 22, but what a tremendous boost for the boys... especially Roy who is still only 19.

I was delighted too to see Dundee United's Paul Hegarty making the squad. Hegarty is a very skilful defender, more mobile than most centre-halves and brilliant in the air.

Of those who missed out I felt the most sorry for Gordon Smith of Rangers who has had an amazing season, Tommy Craig and perhaps Bobby Russell.

But such is the quality of the midfield that it is perhaps understandable there was no place for Villa's Craig and for Rangers' Bobby the switch from Shettleston

Danny McGrain

**NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN
TALK BY RANGERS'
SKIPPER JOHN GREIG**

NOBBY

I DIDN'T EXACTLY SET THE
PARK ALIGHT, TODAY, BOSS



BUT I'VE NEVER PLAYED
IN THE BACK-FOUR
BEFORE



SO YOU'LL HAVE TO
GIVE ME TIME TO FIND
MY FEET



WELL, WHEN YOU DO
REMEMBER TO PULL
YOUR SOCKS UP!



RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

(Continued)

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNSELY (0) 0
STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Smith) 6,765
 Barnsley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Riley, Peachey, Joicey (Hinch), Little, Brown.
 Stockport: Rogan; Smith, Rutter, Thompson, Fogarty, Park, Summerbee, Halford, Prudham, Massey, Howard.

READING (1) 2 (Kearney, Earles)
HARTLEPOOL (1) 3 (Gibb, Ayre, White og.) 4,100

Reading: Death; Peters, White, Oman, Bennett, Hicks, Earles, Kearns, Kearney, Cumming (Hiron), Davies.
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone, Downing, Gibb, Ayre, Smith (G), Creamer, McMordie, Newton, Foggon, Bielby.

Postponed: Bournemouth v Torquay; Crewe v Southport; Darlington v Watford; Doncaster v Grimsby; Huddersfield v York; Northampton v Wimbledon; Rochdale v Aldershot; Scunthorpe v Brentford.

SCOTTISH CUP (Fourth Round)

DUMBARTON (1) 1 (Whiteford D)
HEARTS (0) 1 (Bannon pen.) 7,000
 Dumbarton: Williams; Sinclair, McNeill, McCluskey, Muir, MacLeod (M), Brown, Fyfe, Blair (MacLeod A), Gallagher, Whitecock (D).
 Hearts: Dunlop; Kidd, Fraser, McNicol, Jeffries, Tierney, Park, Bannon, Gibson, Busby, Robertson (Shaw).

MORTON (1) 3 (Thomas, Ritchie 2)
MEADOWBANK (0) 0 3,000
 Morton: Connaghan; Hayes, Holmes, Anderson, Orr, Veitch, Thomas, Brown (McNeill), Hutchison, Goldthorpe, Ritchie.
 Meadowbank: Gray; Hancock (J), MacKenzie, Adair, Wight, Davidson, Hancock (S), O'Rourke, Fotheringham (Williamson), Downie (Jones), Smyth.

RANGERS (1) 1 (Johnstone)
STIRLING (0) 0 15,000
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine (Morris), Miller, Greig, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper (Farlane).
 Stirling: Young; Gray, Watson, Clark, Kennedy, Moffat, McPhee, Browning (Duffin), Steele, Thomson, Armstrong.

Postponed: Aberdeen v St Johnstone; Celtic v Kilmarnock; Dundee Utd v Q of S; Motherwell v Queen's Park.

SUNDAY, FEB. 19

SCOTTISH CUP (Fourth Round)

Postponed: Aberdeen v St. Johnstone.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

CLYDEBANK (0) 0
RANGERS (2) 3 (Johnstone 2, Cooper)
 Clydebank: Gallagher; Abel (Gourlay), Colgan, McLaughlin, McCormack, Houston, O'Brien, Lumsden, McCallan (Miller), McColl, Ronald.
 Rangers: Kennedy; Miller, Lawson, Greig, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.

MONDAY, FEB. 20

FOURTH DIVISION

WIMBLEDON (1) 3 (Connell, Galvin 2)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 1,440
 Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Eames, Denny, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Bassett, Connell, Cork, Parsons.
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone, Downing, Gibb, Ayre, Smith (G), Creamer, McMordie, Newton, Foggon, Bielby (Smith T.).

Postponed: Rochdale v Grimsby; Southport v Reading.

Postponed: Scottish Cup Third Round replay, Cowdenbeath v Partick.

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

'B' INTERNATIONAL

WEST GERMANY (0) 1 (Worm)
ENGLAND (0) 2 (McDermott, Fairclough) at Augsburg 8,000
 West Germany: Burdinski; Lameck, Bierofka, Forster, Zewe, Hadewicz, Bongarts, Seliger, Hans Muller (Lienen), Beer (Worm), Seel.
 England: Corrigan; Gidman, Kennedy, Thompson, Needham, Mortimer, Fairclough, McDermott, Mariner, Flanagan (Sunderland), Hill (Owen).

THIRD DIVISION

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Knight)
CHESTER (0) 0 7,863
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Armstrong (Hughes); Overton, Knight, Crabbe, Nicholl, Weatherly, Price, Westwood, Richardson.
 Chester: Lloyd; Edwards (N), Raynor, Stor-ton, Delgado, Oakes, Jones, Livermore, Edwards (I), Crossley, Phillips.

PRESTON (2) 3 (Thomson 2, Bruce)
OXFORD (1) 2 (Duncan, Curran) 6,189
 Preston: Tunks; Coleman, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Cross, Doyle, Haslegrave, Thomson, Elwiss, Bruce.
 Oxford: Burton; Fogg, Drysdale, Briggs, Clarke, Jeffrey, McGrogan, Taylor, Seacole, Curran (White), Duncan.

Postponed: Bradford C v Tranmere; Scottish Cup Third Round replay: Cowdenbeath v Partick; fourth round: Celtic v Kilmarnock; Motherwell v Queen's Park.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

INTERNATIONALS

SCOTLAND (1) 2 (Gemmill pen., Wallace)
BULGARIA (1) 1 (Mladenov) at Hampden Park 65,000
 Scotland: Blyth; Kennedy, Donachie, Sou-ness, McQueen, Miller, Dalglish (Wallace), Hartford, Jordan (Johnstone), Macari, Gemmill.
 Bulgaria: Staikov; Nikolov, Entchev, Bonev, Iliev, Kasherov, Ivanov, Slavkov (Tichanski), Jeliaskov, Mladenov, Zdravkov.

WEST GERMANY (0) 2 (Worm, Bonhof)
ENGLAND (1) 1 (Pearson) at Munich 78,000
 West Germany: Maier; Vogts, Zimmermann, Russmann, Schwarzenbeck, Bonhof, Abram-czik, Neumann (Dietz), Holzembein (Worm), Flohe (Burgsmuller), Rummenigge.
 England: Clemence; Neal, Mills, Wilkins, Watson, Hughes, Keegan (Francis, T.), Coppell, Pearson, Brookling, Barnes.

F.A. CUP (Fifth Round)

DERBY (1) 2 (Rioch 2)
W.B.A. (2) 3 (Regis 2, Johnston) 32,698
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Rioch, Blockley, Powell (Crawford), Curran, Daly, Masson, George, Daniel.
 W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan (Cunningham), Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Martin, Brown (A), Regis, Treweek, Johnstone.

LEAGUE CUP

(Semi-Final second-leg)

NOTTM FOREST (1) 4 (Withe, Bowyer, O'Neill, Woodcock)
LEEDS (2) 2 (Gray F., Graham) 38,131
 Nottm. F.: Woods; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.
 Leeds: Stewart; Reaney, Hampton, Cherry, Gray (F), Madeley, Gray (E), Hankin, Currie, Clarke, Graham.

SECOND DIVISION

LUTON (0) 1 (West)
TOTTENHAM (1) 4 (Hodde 2, McAllister, Duncan) 17,024
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Carr, Hill, Faulkner, Futcher (P), Fuccillo, West, Futcher (R), Jones (Stein), Boersma.
 Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hodde, McAllister (Moore), Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Duncan, Lee, Taylor.

THIRD DIVISION

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Anderson, Sargent)
SHEFF. WED. (0) 1 (Cusack) 4,252
 Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Hughes, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, McEwan, Butlin (Robson), Sargent, Anderson.
 Sheff. W.: Bolder; Walden, Grant, Rushbury, Cusack, Mullen, Bradshaw, Porterfield, Tynan, Johnson, Leman.

Postponed: Chesterfield v Swindon.

FOURTH DIVISION

CREWE 0
HALIFAX 0 1,462
 Crewe: Crudginton; Byvan, Roberts, Lugg, Bowles, Rimmer, Davies (D), Cheatham, Purdie, Coyne (Spence), Tully.
 Halifax: Leonard; Flavell, Loska, Johnston, Dunleavy, Trainer, Firth, Smith, Bullock, Lawson, Bell.

Postponed: Rochdale v Grimsby.

SCOTTISH CUP (Fourth Round)

Dundee Utd v Q of S. Replay: Hearts v Dum-barton.

FRIDAY, FEB. 24

THIRD DIVISION

LINCOLN (0) 0
WREXHAM (1) 1 (McNeil) 6,060
 Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Leigh, Neale, Wig-ginton, Cooper, Jones, Graham, Harford, Hub-bard, Harding (Smith).
 Wrexham: Davies; Evans, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright.

FOURTH DIVISION

STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Prudham)
DARLINGTON (0) 0 4,716
 Stockport: Rogan; Smith, Rutter, Thompson, Massey, Fogarty, Summerbee, Halford, Park, Prudham, Howard.
 Darlington: Burleigh; Nattress, Cochrane, Stone, Hague, Young, Maitland, Lyons, Jones, Seal, Wann.

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Connell)
READING (1) 1 (Earles) 2,567
 Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Eames, Denny, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Bassett (Summerill), Connell, Cork, Parsons.
 Reading: Death; Peters, White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Kearney, Kearns, Cum-ming, Davies.

YORK (0) 1 (Randall)
BARNSELY (0) 2 (Little, Hinch) 3,076
 York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Hope, Top-ping, Hunter, Novacki, Young, Randall, McDonald, Staniforth.
 Barnsley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Hinch, Peachey, Little, Brown.

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Francis)
ASTON VILLA (0) 0 33,679
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Styles, Towers, Gallagher, Howard, Fox (Page), Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Dillon.
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman (Gregory), Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Craig, Little, Deeham, Cowans, Carrodus.

LEEDS (0) 2 (Gray F., Currie)
CHELSEA (0) 0 25,263
 Leeds: Stewart; Reaney, Hampton, Flynn, Cherry, Madeley, Gray (F), Hankin, Currie, Clarke, Graham.



Wimbledon's Roger Connell was on the mark against Hartlepool and Reading.

Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Wilkins (G), Britton, Droy, Harris, Finnieston, Wilkins (R), Aylott, Swain, Walker.

LEICESTER (0) 1 (Goodwin)
WOLVES (0) 0 15,763
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Kelly, Sims, Woollett, Weller, Goodwin, Christie (Smith), Salmons, Hughes.
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Berry, McAlle, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Patching, Daly (Farley).

LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Souness, Kennedy, Case)
MAN. UTD. (0) 1 (McIlroy) 49,590
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Smith, Thomp-son, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Souness, Highway, Fairclough (Case), McDermott.
 Man. U.: Roche; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, McQueen, Houston, Coppell, Jordan, Pearson, Macari, Hill.

MAN. CITY (0) 1 (Kidd)
EVERTON (0) 0 46,817
 Man. C.: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Power, Channon, Bell, Kidd, Hartford, Barnes.
 Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Ross, King, Dobson, Pearson, McKenzie, Telfer.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 3 (Mills, Craggs, Mahoney)
DERBY (0) 1 (Daly) 20,703
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Beam, Ramage, Mills, Cummins, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Armstrong.
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Rioch, Hunt, Powell, Curran, Daly, Masson, George, Chesters.

NEWCASTLE (0) 0
IPSWICH (0) 1 (Woods) 22,521
 Newcastle: Mahoney; Nattress, Barker, Cas-sidy, Bird, Blackley, Barrowclough, Burns, Lar-nach, Kennedy, Gowing.
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Hunter, Osman (Wark), Vijjoen, Mariner, Turner, Woods (Osborne).

NORWICH (1) 3 (Ryan pen., Suggett, Robson)
NOTTM FOREST (3) 3 (Withe, Barrett, O'Neill) 26,004
 Norwich: Hansbury; Ryan, Sullivan, McGuire, Jones, Powell, Robson, Paddon, Gib-bins, Suggett, Peters.
 Forest: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

Q.P.R. (1) 2 (Bowles pen., Busby)
BRISTOL C. (0) 2 (Gow, Sweeney) 17,051
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Abbott, Shanks, Busby, James, Bowles, Givens.
 Bristol C.: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mann, Whitehead.

W.B.A. (1) 3 (Trewick 2, Wile)
COVENTRY (1) 3 (Coop pen., Wallace, Beck) 25,300
 W.B.A.: Godden; Martin, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson (Cunningham), Brown (A), Regis, Treweek, Johnston.
 Coventry: Blyth; Roberts, McDonald, Good-ing (Beck), Osgood, Coop, Nardiello, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.

WEST HAM (0) 2 (Taylor A., Cross) 31,675
ARSENAL (2) 2 (Macdonald 2)
 West Ham: Ferguson; McDowell (Pike), Lampard, Curbishley, Taylor (T), Green, Devonshire, Robson, Cross, Brooking, Taylor (A).
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Macdonald, Stapleton, Rix (Walford).

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (0) 4 (Radford, Parkes, Brotherton, Hicks o.g.) 15,575
OLDHAM (0) 2 (Taylor, Valentine)
 Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley (Taylor), Brotherton, Waddington, Radford, Parkes, Wagstaffe.
 Oldham: Platt; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Holt, Valentine, Taylor, Halom, Gardner, Chapman.

BRIGHTON (0) 2 (Potts 2)
SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Clarke) 25,771
 Brighton: Steele; Clark, Williams (Potts), Horton, Rollings, Lawrenson, Towner, Ward, Poskett, Sayer, O'Sullivan.
 Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Gilbert, Kerr, Clarke, Ashurst, Rostron, Elliott, Entwistle (Gregoire), Lee, Docherty.

BRISTOL R (1) 2 (Gould pen., Randall)
CHARLTON (1) 2 (Robinson, Peacock) 7,740
 Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor (S), Prince, Williams (Powell), Pulis, Gould, Barry, Randall.
 Charlton: Wood; Berry, Warman, Brisley, Shipperley, Dugdale, Powell, Tydeman, Peacock, Robinson, McAuley.

CARDIFF (1) 2 (Went, Grapes)
BLACKPOOL (1) 1 (Tong) 7,332
 Cardiff: Healey; Dwyer, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Grapes, Bishop, Went, Giles, Buchanan.
 Blackpool: Ward; Thompson (Sinclair), Muligan, McEwan, Hart, Tong, Ronson, Wilson, Walsh, Waldron, Groves.

FULHAM (0) 1 (Evanson)
C. PALACE (1) 1 (Nicholas) 14,160
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Bullivant, Lacy, Money, Greenaway, Gale, Mitchell, Evanson, Bullivant.
 Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Holder, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Hilaire, Swindlehurst (Graham), Harkouk, Silkman.



Colin Barrett scored for Nottingham Forest against Norwich.

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Foster C.) 7,181
HULL (0) 0
 Mansfield: Arnold; Curtis, Foster (B), Sharkey, Foster (C), Wood, Miller, Goodwin, Syrett, Hodgson, Aston (Phillips).
 Hull: Blackburn; Daniel, DeVries, Bremner, Dobson, Haigh, Nisbet, Houlth (Hawley), Warboys, Gibson, Stewart.

MILLWALL (1) 1 (Lee)
BURNLEY (0) 1 (Noble pen.) 7,166
 Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Moore, Walker, Kitchener, Hazell, Pearson, Seasman (Cross), Hamilton, Lee, Chambers.
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Rodaway, Thomson, Cochrane, Ingham, Smith, Kindon, Morley.

NOTTS CO (1) 2 (Bradd, Mann)
LUTON (0) 0
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, McVay, Carter (Hooks), Birchenall, Bradd, Mann, Vinter.
 Luton: Aleksic; Price, Carr, West, Faulkner, Fitcher (P), Fuccillo, Hill, Fitcher (R), Jones (Stein), Boersma.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 2 (MacDougall, Boyer)
SHEFF. UTD. (1) 1 (Franks) 17,679
 Southampton: Wells; Sharpe, Peach (Funnel), Williams, Waldron, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Sealy.
 Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Speight, Franks, Keeley, Woodward, Campbell, Stainrod, Hamson, Edwards.

STOKE 0
BOLTON 0 19,280
 Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Waddington, Richardson, Busby, Crooks, Conroy.
 Bolton: McDonagh; Ritson, Walsh, Greaves, Jones (P), Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Train (Nicholson), Reid, Worthington.

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Lee)
ORIENT (0) 1 (Mayo) 32,869
 Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hoddie, Armstrong, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Duncan, Lee, Taylor.
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Allen, Roeder, Payne, Godfrey, Gray, Mayo, Kitchen, Greulich.

THIRD DIVISION

BRADFORD C (2) 3 (McNiven, Wright 2)
ROTHERHAM (0) 0 6,357
 Bradford C: Downsbrough; Podd, Wood, Hardcastle, Middleton, Fretwell, McNiven, Dolan, Wright, Johnson, Hutchins.
 Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Green, Gwyther, Standcliffe (Rhodes), Spencer, Finney, Phillips, Dawson, Goodfellow, Crawford.

BURY (2) 3 (Rowland pen., McIlwraith, Tucker)
PORT VALE (0) 0 4,478
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan (Thomson), Kennedy, Hatton, Tucker, Bailey, Stanton, McIlwraith, Rowland, Suddick, Robins.
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Beech, Griffiths (Cullerton), Ridley, Harris, Hawkins, Sutcliffe, Lamb, Beamish, Froggatt, Bailey.

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Biley pen.)
PRESTON (0) 1 (Thomson) 5,766
 Cambridge: Webster; Howard, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Watson (Streets), Cozens, Spriggs, Morgan, Finney, Biley.
 Preston: Tunks; Coleman, Cameron, Doyle, Baxter, Cross, Burns, Haslegrave, Thomson, Elwiss, Bruce.

CHESTER 0
TRANMERE 0 5,494
 Chester: Lloyd; Edwards (N), Raynor, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Phillips, Livermore, Edwards (I), Crossley, Mellor.
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Tynan, James, Allen.

COLCHESTER (2) 2 (Carr o.g., Dowman)
CARLISLE (0) 2 (Rafferty, Lathan) 3,867
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall, Leslie, Packer, Dowman, Garwood, Rowles, Foley, Allinson, Dyer.
 Carlisle: Swinburn; Collins, McCartney, Carr, Lathan, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Rafferty, Hamilton.

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Crabbe)
PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Megson) 9,120
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Armstrong, Overton, Knight, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hunt (Hughes), Price, Westwood, Richardson.
 Plymouth: Barron; Harrison, Uzzell, Craven, Foster, Banton, Bason, Fear, Austin, Taylor, Megson.

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Correction: The Third Division match on Saturday, February 18th, carried in our March 25th issue, should have read: Plymouth 0 Bradford City 1 (abandoned after 61 minutes).

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'THREE GAMES— SIX POINTS FOR UNITED'

WELL, readers, it's Bank Holiday time again, but as usual there's no rest for professional footballers.

In fact, this is one of the busiest times of the season, when Championships, promotion and relegation issues are usually all but settled.

Naturally, I would welcome a break with my family, like most other people at Easter, but realise it's out of the question.

While the fans continue to support soccer at holiday times there's no way the authorities will break the tradition.

It also gives many people who normally work on Saturdays the chance to watch their team in action.

Anyway, as I said at Christmas, I enjoy playing during these periods. Supporters are generally in a happy, relaxed mood and quicker to appreciate the game and players' skills.

This Good Friday, after my usual early-morning romp with my daughter Kerry, I'll be off in the car for a normal training session at The Cliff. No Easter lie-in for the lads at United.

After a stiff work-out I'll have a light lunch at Old Trafford before picking up Jackie and Kerry.

I've planned a nice, leisurely drive in the country followed by tea at our favourite little restaurant. A real olde worlde place deep in the Cheshire countryside. Magic!

Nothing too hectic because on Saturday (March 25th) United visit Leicester City.

I'm afraid The Filberts look doomed to relegation, in Frank McLintock's first season as a manager.

Like most people in the game I feel sorry for Frank. He's honest, respected and has his heart firmly in football. It's a pity things haven't worked out better for him and the club.



Frank arrived at Leicester as the new Messiah . . . the man who was going to lead them to glory at last after so many years of fruitless promise.

I was talking to their brilliant goalkeeper (he asked me to say that) Mark Wallington recently and he said the spirit at the club was good and the players behind Frank one hundred per cent.

I can't for the life of me understand why Leicester are in such dire straits. On paper they are as good, if not better, than many other teams in the First Division.

Apart from Mark, there are the

Villa beat United 2-1 at home earlier this season. Here, Alex Stepney clears his lines, with a little help from Stewart Houston (number five).

likes of Keith Weller, Steve Whitworth, Dennis Rofe, Steve Kember, Dave Webb, Georgie Armstrong, England Under-21 defender Steve Sims, and new-boy Roger Davies.

Okay, so Davies hasn't exactly set the soccer scene alight with his goalscoring skills since returning to this country from F.C. Bruges, but it's awfully hard to come into a



struggling side and do well straight away.

I like Leicester City and enjoy playing against them. Maybe Frank tried to make too many changes too soon . . . relied on experience without the right blend of youth. I don't know the answers to City's problems. If I did, I'd sell them to the club for half-a-million quid.

Given time I'm sure Frank McLintock will sort out City's problems, despite having to take a step back into the Second to go forwards.

Although United beat them 3-1 at Old Trafford this season, we haven't had the best of luck at Filbert Street

"Wor Jackie"

I'd like to know how many goals Jackie Milburn scored for my local club, Newcastle United?

**PAUL HARDIE,
NEWCASTLE**

● Milburn, uncle of the Charlton brothers, played all his League career with Newcastle, Paul.

Kicking-off in the first post-War League season of 1946-47, he'd scored 178 goals — still a Newcastle club-record — in 354 League games by the time he hung up his boots ten years later.

His two superb goals against Blackpool which won the F.A. Cup for Newcastle in 1951 are considered amongst the finest ever seen at Wembley, and he

was also on the winning side in the 1952 and 1955 Finals.

"Wor Jackie", as he was affectionately known on Tyneside, also scored ten goals in 13 full internationals for England.

Capped Rovers

As a keen Doncaster supporter, I'd like to know if they've ever had a player capped for his country?

**DAVID BARNES,
DONCASTER**

● I've traced at least ten over the years, David.

Of these, defender Len Graham comes out best — all his 14 full caps for Northern Ireland in the 1950's being gained while on Doncaster's books.

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Upward spiral

Could you tell me the first British players to reach or pass transfer fees of £500, £1,000, £5,000, £10,000, £20,000, and £30,000?

**MARK SPARROCK,
WALSALL**

● These were the record-busters of their time, Mark.

£520 — Alf Common (Sheffield Utd. to Sunderland, 1904).

£1,000 — Alf Common (Sunderland to Middlesbrough, 1905).

£5,000 — Syd Puddefoot (West Ham to Falkirk).

£10,890 — David Jack (Bolton to Arsenal, 1928).

£20,000 — Tommy Lawton (Chelsea to Notts County, 1947).

£30,000 — Trevor Ford (Aston Villa to Sunderland, 1950).



my soccer scene
**GORDON
HILL**

Steve Coppell catches Steve Kember (number four) on the wrong foot during the Leicester/United match at Filbert Street last season.

Merseyside rivals Liverpool.

They say one man doesn't make a team. That's maybe true about players. It's certainly not the case with a manager like Gordon Lee.

What a difference he's made to Everton. In a relatively short space of time he'd put together a team on the verge of winning top honours.

Everton will obviously be aiming to maintain their Championship challenge with a win on Monday.

Our Gordon McQueen of Scotland v. their Bob Latchford of England. What a prospective duel that is!

Despite Bob's fine goalscoring form this season, I take big Gordon to deal with his menace.

Another of my favourite Evertonians is skipper Mick Lyons, who was a substitute for the England B team that beat West Germany recently.

I also like the look of their young centre-half Mark Higgins. A fine prospect for the future, but he'll have his work cut out against big Joe Jordan.

Despite Everton's League position

and record this term, I feel confident United can notch-up another League double over them.

We complete our Easter programme against Aston Villa at Old T. next Wednesday (March 29th).

United beat them 2-0 in last season's corresponding game, but lost 2-1 at Villa Park this term.

They are a strange team . . . brilliant one week, not so good the next.

But the potential is always there . . . you get the feeling they are about to break through and recapture some of their former glories.

Soccer has waited a long while for Aston Villa to be really successful again . . . that time may not be too far off.

A pity my SHOOT colleague Andy Gray has missed so much of the season with injury. I hope he recovers in time to go to Argentina with Scotland. I look forward to seeing you for a lager in the lounge after the match next week, Andy — mate.

With or without Andy Gray, at home or away, Aston Villa are always a hard side to beat.

But I feel sure United will end the Easter holiday with maximum points. What a golden egg that will be for our fans.

This week I'll sign off with a special, holiday message.



Happy Easter
Best Wishes to
Jackie
Gordon Hill

in the past. I believe I'm right when I say it's been at least five years since we last won a League match there.

Last term's corresponding game ended 1-1. Chris Garland (now Bristol City) scored for Leicester, Gerry Daly (now Derby) replied for United from the penalty-spot.

Leicester aren't dead and buried yet, though, and they will fight hard for victory on Saturday. But so will United. It's about time that Filbert Street bogey was beaten.

On Easter Monday (March 27th) a capacity crowd will cheer the United v. Everton match-of-the-day

at Old Trafford.

We did the League double over them last season, winning 4-0 at home and 2-1 away.

This season in the League, United hammered the Merseysiders 6-2 at Goodison on Boxing Day.

We were magnificent that afternoon . . . real Christmas crackers. Not that Everton were that bad. It's just United caught them napping.

At the time Everton were second in the League, which made the result even more sensational.

They are still up with the leaders, hard on the heels of likely Champions Forest, and, above their

**SHORT
PASSES**

● Sheffield United won the F.A. Cup in 1899, 1902, 1915 and 1925; and were runners-up in 1901 and 1936.
(MOND RAZAK, West Malaysia)

● The Republic of Ireland beat England 2-0 in a full international on Everton's ground on 21st September, 1949.
(GARY CLARKE, Dublin)

● Record F.A. Cup Final victory is Bury 6, Derby 0 in 1903; next-best Blackburn 6, Sheffield Wednesday 1 in 1890.
(ARRON BULLOCK, Norwich)

● Swindon's scorers in their 1969 League Cup triumph were Rogers (two) and Smart; Gould replying for Arsenal.
(CHRISTOPHER BOWDEN, Dover)

● Former Birmingham manager Freddie Goodwin played for Manchester United and Leeds. He was born on 28th June, 1934.
(JAN-GUNNAR FURELL, Sweden)

Chelsea

Could you tell me the order in which the clubs finished in the First Division table the season Chelsea were League Champions?

MARK HICKEN, EASTBOURNE

● That was 1954-55, Mark — and this (with points in brackets) is the order in which the 22 clubs finished.
Chelsea (52 pts), Wolves (48); Portsmouth (48); Sunderland (48); Manchester United (47); Aston Villa (47); Manchester City (46); Newcastle (43); Arsenal (43); Burnley (43); Everton (42); Huddersfield (41); Sheffield United (41); Preston (40); Charlton (40); Spurs (40); West Bromwich (40); Bolton (39); Blackpool (38); Cardiff (37); Leicester (35); Sheffield Wednesday (26).

"Shanks"

Can you tell me who was manager of Liverpool before Bill Shankly?

JANE ARNOLD, WINCHESTER

● Bill Shankly, then manager of Huddersfield, was appointed by Liverpool on 1st December, 1959 — to fill the managerial vacancy left by Phil Taylor, who'd just resigned from the post on 17th November.
And "Shanks", of course, stayed triumphantly at Anfield until the surprise announcement of his retirement on 12th July, 1974.

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S quiz time

1. Celtic were knocked out of the Scottish Cup Fourth Round by First Division Kilmarnock 1-0, 2-0 or 3-1?

2. England's Under-21 side played their Italian counterparts in the Quarter-Finals first-leg of the U.E.F.A. Under-21 Championships (action, below). (a) Who played in goal for England, (b) what was the final result, (c) where was the game played and (d) who scored for England?

3. Derby County manager Tommy Docherty recently slapped a heavy fine on his Scotland international Bruce Rioch. Why?

4. Following the resignation of Sir Alf Ramsey, Birmingham City made an unsuccessful attempt to lure which First Division manager from East Anglia to take over the hot seat at St. Andrews?

5. The players listed were sent-off in February — (a) Phil Warman, (b) Billy Gilbert, (c) John Lyons and (d) Mick Horswill. Can you name their clubs?

6. Leeds United paid around £330,000 to Blackpool for a defender. Who?

7. Third Division Wrexham have had 11 managers since the War. Tom Williams, Les McDowell, Peter Jackson, Cliff Lloyd, John Love, Bill Morris (two spells), Ken Barnes, Jack Rowley, Alvan Williams and Arfon Griffiths are ten ... name the other one?



8. Which Scottish grounds would you be visiting if you stood on the terraces at the following ... (a) Kilbowie Park, (b) Bayview Park and (c) Palmerston Park?

9. Bobby Gould (left) has played for Wolves, Bristol Rovers, West Brom, Wolves (again), Arsenal, West Ham, Coventry City, and Bristol City during his career but not in that order. Can you rearrange them into a correct sequence?

10. Do you know what First Division Newcastle United and Exeter City from the Third have in common?

11. On the same evening as England Under-21 played, Eire and Northern Ireland met in a friendly Under-21 game at Dalymount Park. Did the match finish, 0-0, 1-1 or 2-2?

12. When was the transfer deadline this season?

13. The following quotes appeared in SHOOT, dated March 18th. Who said them? (a) "My own performance in Munich was praised by the Press and some top Continental bosses, including Enzo Bearzot of Italy." (b) "I suppose Hartlepool and Darlington are probably the worst I've seen. When you go to places like that, you suddenly stop and think to yourself 'What on earth am I doing up here?'" (c) "I went to London and talked to Rangers' manager Frank Sibley. I said from the start I had to be 100 per cent certain in my mind about any move — and I wasn't. It's difficult to put into words, but I wasn't completely sure about how I would fit in with Rangers."

14. (a) Maxwell Thompson (Liverpool), (b) Tyrone James (Fulham, left) and (c) Gordon Sweetzer (Brentford) were involved in transfer deals recently ... can you name their new clubs?

15. After the games played on Saturday, March 11th, which club was 92nd in the Football League?

ANSWERS

1. 1-0, 2. (a) Joe Corrigan, (b) 2-1 to England, (c) Maine Road, home of Manchester City, (d) Tony Woodcock scored both goals, 3. For leaving the pitch bench, 4. Norwich's John Bond, 5. (a) Charlton Athletic, (b) City, (c) Palace, (d) Wrexham, (e) Plymouth Argyle, 6. Paul Hart, 7. John Neal, 8. (a) Clydebank, (b) East Fife, (c) Queen of the South, 9. Coventry City, Arsenal, Wolves, West Brom, Bristol City, 10. Both clubs play at St. James' Park, 11. 1-1, 12. March 9th, 13. (a) Ray Wilkins, (b) Paul Bennett of Reading, (c) Leeds United's Brian Flynn, 14. (a) Blackpool, (b) Plymouth Argyle, (c) Cambridge United, 15. Rioch, date.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) David Price. (9) Are. (10) Rein. (11) At. (13) Lee. (14) Iron. (15) So. (16) Garner. (17) Ate. (18) Ryan. (20) Do. (22) Owns. (24) St. (26) Starred. (28) Harm. (30) Now. (32) Loan. (33) Final. (36) Plan. (37) Deceit. (38) Ayr. (39) Go. (40) Hero.

DOWN:— (1) Dalglish. (2) Area. (3) Veered. (4) Drier. (5) Perryman. (6) Rio. (7) Inn. (8) East End. (12) Toe. (19) Norwich. (21) Osman. (23) We. (25) Tally. (27) Rofs. (29) Roar. (31) Alto. (34) Nee. (35) Air. (36) Pa. (37) Do.

Jumbled Name: PETER LORIMER



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Oldham manager Jimmy Frizzell (right) was born in Greenock and played for his home-town team of Morton in the Scottish League for three seasons before signing for Oldham in 1960. Jimmy spent ten years as a player with them before taking over as manager in March, 1970. Athletic won the Third Division Championship under him in the 1973-74 season.



SHREWD dealings in the transfer market now see Oldham Athletic well placed in the Second Division this season. The signing of Steve Taylor from Bolton last October was a master-stroke by manager Jimmy Frizzell. Until Christmas, Oldham had been in the bottom half of the table, but Taylor soon settled in at Boundary Park and is now one of the top marksmen in the Second.

One interesting point that may have been missed by Oldham supporters is their popular manager is now the third longest-serving in the Football League. Only Alan Dicks (Bristol City) — appointed in October, 1967 and Bobby Robson — at Ipswich since January, 1969 — have spent longer in their hot-seats.



Keith Hicks beats Fulham's Tony Gale during the League clash at Craven Cottage this term.

OLDHAM



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Ian Wood (left) had a testimonial last season. Carl Valentine (right) is an exciting winger. Former Everton favourite John Hurst (below).



RECORD VICTORY: 11-0 v Southport, Division Four, December 26th, 1962.

RECORD DEFEAT: 4-13 v Tranmere Rovers, Division Three (North), December 26th, 1935.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON: 62 in Division Three, 1973-74.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON: Tom Davis 33 in Division Three (North), 1936-37.

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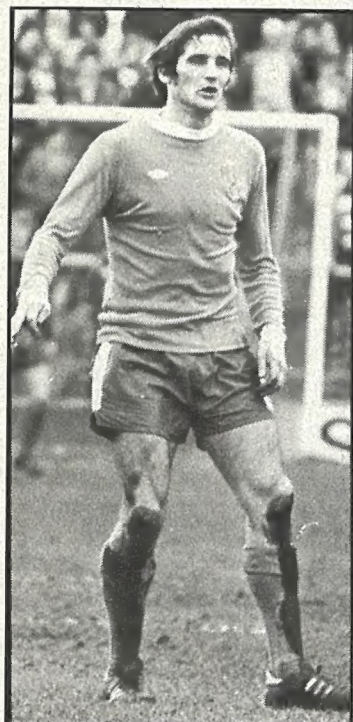
(L. App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes; All records to the end of December, 1977.)

MIKE BERNARD: Defender signed from Everton in July, 1977. England Under-23 international. Born Shrewsbury. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— Stoke 124 and 12 sub, Everton 139 and 8 sub, Oldham 4. G:— Stoke 6, Everton 8.

GRAHAM BELL: Midfielder signed professional in August, 1972, son of a former Oldham Athletic player. Graham is one of the most highly rated players in the Second Division. Born Middleton. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.6. L. App:— 124 and 3 sub. G:— 7.

RON BLAIR: Versatile player now usually seen in a midfield role. Ron is in his second spell with Oldham having first joined the Boundary Park club from Coleraine, then left for Rochdale only to rejoin Oldham in July, 1972. Five full caps for Northern Ireland. Born Coleraine. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— Rochdale 66 and 5 sub, Oldham (two spells) 251 and 8 sub. G:— Rochdale 3, Oldham (two spells) 23.

LES CHAPMAN: Midfielder and like Ron Blair is in his second spell with the club. Left Oldham for Huddersfield and rejoined them in December, 1974. Born Oldham. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.4. L. App:— Huddersfield 120 and 13 sub, Oldham (two spells) 204 and 3 sub. G:— Huddersfield 8, Oldham (two spells) 15.



TOP GOALSCORERS

1972-73	David Shaw	17
1973-74	Colin Garwood	16
1974-75	Ian Robins	9
1975-76	David Shaw	13
1976-77	Vic Halom	19

PAUL EDWARDS: Central defender signed from Manchester United in March, 1973 for £12,000 after a loan period. An England Under-23 international while with the Old Trafford club. Born Crompton. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.4. L. App:— Manchester Utd 52 and 2 sub, Stockport (loan) 2, Oldham 101 and 3 sub. G:— Oldham 7.

VIC HALOM: Striker signed from Sunderland for £25,000 in July, 1976. Born Burton. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— Charlton 8 and 3 sub, Orient 53, Fulham 66 and 6 sub, Luton 57 and 2 sub, Sunderland 110 and 3 sub, Oldham 58. G:— Orient 12, Fulham 22, Luton 17, Sunderland 35, Oldham 28.

KEITH HICKS: Central defender signed professional in December, 1970. Born Oldham. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.0. L. App:— 190 and 2 sub. G:— 7.

GARY HOOLICKIN: Defender signed professional in July, 1975. Born Middleton. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 10.11. L. App:— 9.

DAVID HOLT: Central defender signed from Bury for £22,000 in December, 1974. Born Padiham. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— Bury 174 and 5 sub, Oldham 90 and 1 sub. G:— Bury 9.

JOHN HURST: Experienced defender signed from Everton in May, 1976. An England Under-23 international and was also with the England first team squad on many occasions without winning a full cap. Born Blackpool. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 12.7. L.

App:— Everton 336 and 13 sub, Oldham 58. G:— Everton 29, Oldham 1.

CHRIS OGDEN: Goalkeeper who progressed through the junior ranks to sign professional in July, 1971. He follows in the footsteps of his father who was Oldham's 'keeper in the early Fifties. Born Oldham. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 12.5. L. App:— 128.

JOHN PLATT: Goalkeeper signed professional in February, 1972 having been signed as a junior from Ashton United. Born Oldham. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— 62.

STEVE TAYLOR: Striker signed in October, 1977 from Bolton Wanderers and is Oldham's top scorer this season. Born Royton. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.2. L. App:— Bolton 34 and 6 sub, Port Vale (loan) 4, Oldham 13. G:— Bolton 16, Port Vale (loan) 2, Oldham 11.

CARL VALENTINE: Winger signed professional in January, 1976. Exciting player with fine speed and ball control. Born Manchester. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.7. L. App:— 30 and 6 sub. G:— 2.

IAN WOOD: Defender signed professional in July, 1966 and was given a testimonial last season. Born Radcliffe. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.12. L. App:— 431 and 7 sub. G:— 18.

ALAN YOUNG: Striker signed professional in July, 1974. Injuries restricted his League appearances last term. Born Kirkcaldy. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.0. L. App:— 56 and 13 sub. G:— 15.

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BACK ROW (left to right): David Shaw (retired), Chris Ogden, Garry Hoolickin, John Platt, John Hurst, Ron Blair.

MIDDLE ROW: Bob Jay (physio), Walter Griffiths (general-manager), Paul Edwards, David Holt, Alan Young, Vic Halom, Keith Hicks, Jimmy Frizzell (manager), Andy Lochhead (coach).

FRONT ROW: Carl Valentine, Mike Bernard, Graham Bell, Alan Groves (now Blackpool), Les Chapman, Ian Wood.

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